

THIS WEEK

Lotto Draw 51/71
Total prize fund
\$1,000,000
Minimum First Prize
\$175,000
accumulating without limit.
TOMORROW is the last
day for handing in Lotto
tickets.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, becoming
cloudy. Showers in centre and south
towards evening.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	54-61	61
Golan	60-61	61
Nahariya	18-10-18	18
Safad	22-3-8	8
Haifa Port	22-3-8	8
Tiberias	22-3-8	8
Nazareth	22-3-8	8
Afula	22-3-8	8
Shomron	22-3-8	8
Tel Aviv	22-3-8	8
B-C Airport	22-3-8	8
Jericho	22-3-8	8
Gaza	22-3-8	8
Beer-Sheva	22-3-8	8
Eilat	22-3-8	8
Tiran Straits	22-3-8	8

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Former Knesset Speaker Yisrael
Yeshayahu was honored at a party
in Tel Aviv last night on the occasion
of the publication of his book,
"Dvarim B'Yam" (A Time for
Everything). Among those present
was former Prime Minister Golda
Meir.

Lyle Ryter, deputy president of the
U.S. Manufacturers' Association, on
Thursday called on Avraham Shavit,
president of the Israel Manu-
facturers' Association, to discuss closer
ties between the two organizations.

Elihu Yanow has been appointed
executive director of the Association
of Americans and Canadians in
Israel.

Mordechai Geller was elected
national secretary of the Engineers'
Union on Thursday, succeeding
Gustav Badian, MK, who was made
chairman of the union.

ARRIVALS

Dr. E. Hadaya, Union Carbide Corpo-
ration, from the U.S., is visiting Israel
from the Department of Chemistry, the Tech-
nion, for one month. (Communicated)

DEPARTURES

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, for
Washington, where he will confer with his
counterpart, Griffin Bell.

Five-year-old to
get IL6m. damages
for loss of sight

TEL AVIV (Him). — A boy of five is
to receive IL6m. in damages from the
State, after losing his sight in a
car accident two and a half years
ago.

Judge Moshe Beilsky found in
favor of the boy, Eitan Rahamim,
in the District Court here on Friday.
Giving judgment, he noted that this
is the largest sum of damages
awarded for pain and suffering to
date in an Israeli court.

Rahamim suffered the loss of his
eyesight in an accident which
occurred when an IDF vehicle driven
by his father collided with a car. His
mother was also in the vehicle at the
time.

Judge Beilsky ordered that the boy
receive IL6m. as immediate com-
pensation, and the remainder of the
sum on the basis of IL7,500 a month,
fully linked to the cost of living in-
dex, for the rest of his life.
The suit, against the child's father
and the State, in whose service he
was at the time of the accident, was
brought on behalf of the boy by his
mother. Both parents were entrusted
with the responsibility of investing
the proceeds of the award until the
child reaches majority.

THE ARMOURY at Moshav Migav
Dov, near Gadera, was broken into
on Thursday night. Weapons of
various kinds were stolen. Rehovot
police are investigating.

The World Council of Friends of the Mideast
Friends of Mideast in Israel,
Gt. Britain, Switzerland and the U.S.A.
The Executive, Council and Staff
of Mideast in Israel at Pardes Hanna
and of Kiryat Ya'akov Heres, Kir Sarva

express their deep sorrow at the sudden passing in London on December
16, 1977 (Tevet 6, 5738), two days after his 78th birthday, of their Chair-
man and indefatigable friend

Dr. JACOB BRAUDE

who more than anyone else has contributed to the development of the Mideast
schools, and has deserved well of Torah education in Israel and in the Diaspora.

The funeral took place in London on Friday; shiva at 14 Gloucester Gardens, Lon-
don N.W.11.

The Departments, Management and Staff of
The Israel Broadcasting Authority

mourn the death of a dear colleague

Dr. Yehuda Marton

הנהלת מועדון חברים
Rabbi Hyman Lerner

Mourning by
Moshe Lerner
Rosalind and Philip Grob, Rosilya
Dina Lerner, Tel Aviv
Libby and Rabbi Yosef Nagovitch, Memphis, Tenn.
Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren in
Israel and the U.S.A.
Shiva is being observed in N.Y.

Emotional moments for Israelis
spending the Sabbath in Cairo

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies

Newsmen covering the talks at the
Mena House Oberoi Hotel outside
Cairo have found themselves in-
creasingly frustrated as the really
dramatic developments seem to be
taking place elsewhere. Only a select
handful were present at President
Anwar Sadat's press conference at
his Nile-side residence yesterday,
while other important developments
were taking place in faraway
Washington, where Prime Minister
Menachem Begin was having crucial
talks with President Carter.

But the three-day break in the
Mena House talks freed most
reporters from the thankless task of
scrabbling for tidbits of "hard news"
and left them free to tour the Egyptian
capital. Here are some of their
impressions.

The Jerusalem Post's Ari Rath
paid a visit to Cairo's famous Egyptian
Museum, and embarked on a
search for "our" Pharaoh — the one
who "let our people go".

After long consultations with the
museum's first curator, Madame
Sonia Abdel Al, it was finally es-
tablished that this must have been
Pharaoh Menephta, also known as
Amenophis the Second. It was his
mummy that attracted most of the
attention, with Israel's conference
delegates posing for pictures next to
the rather well-preserved face of our
"redeemer."

The indescribably rich treasures of
the Pharaohs, proof of a highly ad-
vanced civilization, brought the
natural question from delegation
chief Eliahu Ben-Elsazar to Mme.
Abdel Al: "When can we invite you
to prepare an exhibition in
Jerusalem?"

"I hope soon, after peace," was
her quick reply.

As the museum's representative
who only recently set up Egypt's
collection in Paris and Bonn, Mme.
Abdel Al was the proper person to
prepare for this unusual event.

On Friday afternoon, some
witnessed a real sentimental journey
by a member of the official Israeli
delegation, Foreign Ministry official
Haim Harari, who was born in Cairo.

Harari left his native city nearly 30
years ago after having spent a year
studying law at Cairo University.

During an earlier trip into town, he
thought he recognized the house he
grew up in and decided to go back to
search for it. He found it intact, not
far from the famous Groppli's
Patisserie and the once well known
"Victory Club" — once a popular
meeting place for Jewish soldiers
serving with the British Army during
World War Two.

For Haim Harari, who recognized
every spot in the neighborhood,
bringing back memories of a happy
childhood, it was a moving moment.

Some of the most moving ex-
periences were had in Cairo's cov-
erous old She'arei Hashomayim
Synagogue, the heart of the city's
Jewish district. Associated Press
correspondent Barleem Paitro
describes the scene there on Friday
night, where for the first time in
years, the service drew a crowd:
"The aged and dwindling local com-
munity could hardly believe their
eyes: the front benches were actual-
ly filled. More than 120 persons were
present."

Cairo security men believe
Palestinians killed Holden

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and Agencies

CAIRO. — Security officials here
now believe that David Holden, the
London "Sunday Times" correspon-
dent found dead last week, was
murdered for political reasons by
Palestinian extremists who want to
undermine Sadat's peace campaign.

One of the three persons being held
is a 22-year-old student holding a
Jordanian passport, the semi-official
newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yester-
day.

These disclosures coincided with
an official statement that the
government has tightened security
on Egyptian airlines following
reports that Palestinian rejectionists
are planning to hijack Egyptian
planes and bomb Egyptian enter-

prises abroad. One Egyptian office,
in Sharja on the Persian Gulf, has
already been attacked.

Three suspects, two men and one
woman, were held in the Holden
murder, after the discovery of some
of Holden's belongings in an aban-
doned car. The Interior Ministry
said the three could not be described
as suspects in the murder.

Holden, 33, arrived here from Am-
man on December 6. His body was
later found in a Cairo suburb. He had
been shot in the back.

The ancient words of the Friday
night prayer — "Remember your
Exodus from Egypt" — took on new
meaning. For most of those attend-
ing, it was one more in a string of
firsts begun by President Sadat's
journey to Jerusalem — the first
Sabbath meal in Egypt.

At home Israelis can be fractious
and temperamental. But this Friday

night brought them together in a
natural burst of comradely warmth.
Seated at tables in the Mena House
hotel dining room, they spontane-
ously broke into the Jewish folksong
"How good and pleasant, brothers
seated together."

Like most Israelis, the majority of
those at the dinner were not
religious. But this Friday night
many had attended synagogue ser-
vices in Cairo, and now donned
skullcaps for dinner.

Magazine publisher Uri Avnery
noted that "as home most of these
people are as atheist as atheists can
be. But take them abroad, put them
among Gentiles and suddenly they're
as Jewish as Jewish can be."

"Brothers seated together" gave
way to "Heveinu shalom aleichem."
We bring you peace." Then Israel's
delegation chief Eliahu Ben-Elsazar
recited Kiddush, the blessing over
the Sabbath wine. Egypt could not
provide kosher wine, so the Israelis
sipped orange juice. Instead of
Chalash, the braided Sabbath loaf,
they ate dry pitta, the flat-round
bread of the Arab world.

Dinner consisted of salads and
near-unpalatable Egyptian dishes
that had been down in the days
earlier for those Israelis here who
keep kosher.

The singing became more
boisterous. Negotiator Meir
Rosenne, a usually staid diplomat,
clapped hands vigorously in tempo.
The Egyptian waiters watched in
bemused silence.

One Israeli began softly to sing a
Six-Day War hit called "Shalom El-
Sheikh, we've come back to you."
There were shocked looks and then
laughter when he changed the words to
"Shalom El-Sheikh, we've given
you back." Shalom, the southern tip
of the Sinai desert, is expected by
many to be returned to Egypt as part
of a peace treaty.

At the end of the meal, the bearded
Ben-Elsazar told the gathering that
Israel's Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren,
had sent him a message appealing to
him to organize a fitting Sabbath for
the Israelis in Cairo.

Friday's late night entertainment
was of an entirely different nature,
Ari Rath reports.

Our Egyptian hosts decided to take
us to one of the tourists' night spots
nearby, between the Pyramids and
the Sphinx — the "Sahara City" tent
night club.

The programme, replete with
belly-dancing — real, classic Egyp-
tian style — brought some of our
journalist colleagues to the dance
floor.

Head Carmel and Uri Avnery got
high marks, but the real male bel-
ly-dancer was one of Israel TV's
soundmen, Shalom Geri.

The climax of the evening was the
spontaneous participation of all the
Israelis in a dance around the tent —
together with an Egyptian and
African dance troupe.

One of Egypt's best-known writers
and film producers, Farouk Sabri,
who was there by chance to entertain
Egyptian diplomat friends from
abroad, said: "The real Cairo
Conference is taking place right
here. This is the best proof that we
can get along. Support for Sadat was
never stronger."

Sadat may resign
if talks fail

CAIRO (UPI). — President Anwar
Sadat said in an interview released
yesterday he'd have two alternatives
if his push for peace was not
reciprocated by Israel: a "new
struggle" or resignation. He said he
would not throw himself into the
Nile.

"If I fail in this, I am not going to
gather my papers and throw myself
into the Nile or the Suez Canal, but
we will prepare a new struggle,"
Sadat told the Cairo weekly "Og-
tober."

"If I fail totally, I will submit my
resignation," he said in the inter-
view for the Sunday magazine. It
was released to foreign news agen-
cies yesterday.

Sadat-Begin

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right to represent the Palestine peo-
ple, Sadat said.

Asked to comment on President
Carter's statement on Thursday that
the PLO had excluded itself from the
current negotiating process by its at-
titude, Sadat said: "This is Presi-
dent Carter's idea, not my idea."

Sadat said he demanded a solution of
the problem of the Palestine people
on the basis of self-determination
and their right to a state. But now,
however, Egypt was much closer to
Jordan's position. Sadat promised to
keep King Hussein informed on
future developments regarding the
Palestine issue.

Reports from Jerusalem and
Washington have said Begin is will-
ing to relinquish Israeli claims of
sovereignty over the West Bank. A
report said Begin was suggesting a
plebiscite to be held in 20 years.

"I don't agree to 20 years," Sadat
declared. But he declined to make a
counterproposal in public.

He left the small sitting room,
crowded with TV cameras, and went
to another room where he sat down
with a group of Egyptian newspaper
correspondents, maintaining his
average of two public appearances a
day. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Habib, senior
U.S. diplomat,
'critically ill'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Philip
Habib, the third-ranked official in
the State Department, was reported
in critical condition yesterday at
Walter Reed Army Hospital with a
suspected heart attack.

Habib, 57, undersecretary for
political affairs, assisted Secretary
of State Cyrus Vance on his Middle
East trip last week, and before that
went to Moscow to confer with Soviet
Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Habib returned to Washington
on Thursday and was
stricken at his desk Friday morning.
He was taken by ambulance to the
hospital.

Habib is a former ambassador to
South Korea, a principal negotiator
of the Paris peace accords that ended
U.S. involvement in the Vietnam
war, and longtime assistant
secretary of state for the Far East.

Soviet ships forced
to pay Suez tolls

CAIRO (UPI). — Soviet ships pass-
ing through the Suez Canal have
been forced to pay transit tolls, for
the first time in 10 years, following
President Anwar Sadat's decision to
suspend the payment of military
debts to Moscow, according to the
weekly magazine "October" in its
issue of today.

The ships previously were exempt
from paying and any due fees were
deducted from the Egyptian debts,
estimated at \$4,000m.

On December 10, ten Soviet ships
arrived at Port Suez, at the canal's
southern end, heading toward the
Mediterranean, and 10 others arriv-
ed at Port Said, at the opposite end
of the canal, heading for the Red Sea.

The two groups were denied permis-
sion to negotiate the canal until their
agent showed up the following day
and paid the due tolls in pounds ster-
ling, the magazine said.

Treasury experts studying effects
on economy 'when peace breaks out'

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Treasury experts have
started a crash programme to study
the possible effects of peace on the
economy. "It won't be all roses,"
Deputy Finance Minister Yehzekiel
Flomim said here on Friday. Peace
with Israel's neighbours would ex-
pose her to their cheap labour and
probably lead to a considerable
reduction in foreign aid.

"We are more than willing to face
the challenge," he said.
Speaking at the Haifa Engineers
Club, Flomim said the new economic
policy introduced two months ago



U.S. Senators with Prime Minister Begin at their lunch in Washington on Friday. Left to
right, the senators are Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), Richard Stone (D-Fla.), Clifford Case
(R-N.J.), Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinits. (UPI telephoto)

Begin seen warming to UK
in bid to freeze out France

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The decision of
Premier Menachem Begin to stop
over in London on Tuesday and brief
Premier Callaghan on his talks with
President Carter in Washington is
further proof of Begin's desire to
push Britain into the forefront of
Middle East developments and to in-
crease its influence in Europe at the
expense of France.

This assessment was given to me
by Housing and Construction Min-
ister Gideon Pat, who is here on a
three-day tour of Britain on
behalf of the Joint Israel Appeal.

Pat said that already as a result
of Begin's talks with Callaghan
earlier this month, Britain was
"benefiting." London is now regard-
ed as the third most important
capital — after Jerusalem and
Washington — in the Middle East
developments.

Begin is deliberately keeping

Callaghan fully in the picture and for
the time being, France is out of it.
Begin, Pat explained, had always
been keen on developing close
relations with Europe and with Bri-
tain in particular. "We are now try-
ing to change the past, when there
was a great deal of mistrust between
London and Jerusalem."

Begin's brief stopover here on
Tuesday should certainly help to
continue what Pat described as "a
new era" in Anglo-Israeli relations.

Begin will fly by helicopter straight
from Heathrow to Chiswick, spend
two or three hours briefing
Callaghan, and then return by
helicopter to Heathrow where he is
expected to give a brief press con-
ference. A small delegation of
Jewish leaders will be at the airport
to greet him on arrival.

JTA adds that Pat said on Friday
at a press meeting that the West
Bank was not a subject for negotia-
tion, as long as Jordan did not join
the peace talks.

Gaza mayor says he rejected
autonomy after Six Day War

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Mayor Rashad Shawwa
revealed yesterday that the Israeli
authorities offered him the position
of governor-general of the Gaza
Strip soon after the Six Day War,
with the possibility of self-
government and an Israeli military
presence only on the borders of the
strip.

He made these remarks to radio
reporter Bassam Jaber, when asked
for his reaction to Prime Minister
Begin's reported proposal to offer
autonomy to the administered
territories with an Israeli military
presence.

Shawwa used his revelation as an
example to indicate that "there is
nothing new in Begin's offer."

Shawwa said that he is completely
against Israeli troops in the Gaza
Strip following a peace settlement.
He also agreed with Egyptian Presi-
dent Sadat's remarks yesterday
about a Palestinian state which
would have direct links with Jordan.

Shawwa declined to say whether
he would be willing to leave for the

Cairo conference in light of Begin's
views, but said that he would wait
until the proposal was announced of-
ficially.

The Jerusalem Post reported last
week that the position of the
Palestine Liberation Organization
seems to be weakening here, es-
pecially with all of the attention that
the local delegation is receiving in
Cairo — and despite the fact that the
delegation carries little weight here
politically. Shawwa is unlikely to
wait much longer for PLO approval
to make his move to the Cairo con-
ference, and a proper impetus for
him would be concessions from
Begin on the Palestinian issue.

It was meanwhile reported that a
delegation of 300 Arabs from
Ramallah and Hebron has received
permission from Cairo to cross the
Sinai into Egypt to offer con-
gratulations to Sadat on his peace in-
itiative. The group could have left
last night, but was unprepared and
decided to postpone the journey for
one day. They intend to leave at mid-
night tonight.

English newsmen at radio
curtail coverage of Cairo

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Regular listeners to Israel Radio's
English news on Saturday after-
noons at 2 p.m. may have been ex-
pecting yesterday to hear 25 minutes
of the usual mixture of news, inter-
views and analysis devoted to the
Cairo talks. But instead, what they
got was a 12-minute straight news
bulletin, followed by music to fill the
rest of the half-hour slot.

Ironically, this development,
which means that one news depar-
tment of Israel Radio is in effect
boycotting the services of another, is
linked directly to the Broadcasting
Authority's decision to increase the
strength of its radio and television
teams in Cairo.

When the Broadcasting Authority
answered the requests of its four-
man radio team in Cairo in midweek
to send reinforcements, the English
news department, which had
accepted "with strong reservations"
the original decision to send
representatives only from Hebrew
and Arabic news, put its case
vigorously to Radio head Haggal
Pinsker for inclusion in the new
team.

They heard on Wednesday night
that no one from the department
was going, and the department
as a body confronted Pinsker in what
was described as a "tense" and
"dramatic" meeting. Pinsker
agreed to approach the Authority's
management committee again with
the English-language newsmen's
request that one of their number be
among those sent to Cairo.

When Pinsker confirmed on Thurs-
day that no one from the English
news service would be accredited to
Cairo, the department decided not to
carry any interviews, analysis or
other in-depth reporting on the
conference, but to confine itself to bare
news reporting.

A source in the English news
department told The Jerusalem Post
that the action should not be seen as
sanctions. "We felt that because of
the impossibility of maintaining a
high standard of credibility and
reporting as in the past, we could not
broadcast anything from Cairo apart
from straight news."

The source stressed that the
department would have taken the
same attitude if the talks had been
located at the town hall in Peta-
h Tikva instead of Cairo. "English is a
world language. At least half the
protagonists of the conference don't
know Hebrew. We feel we have a vital
service to offer to our listeners in
Israel and abroad."

Neither Pinsker nor Yitzhak Livni,
director-general of the Broadcasting
Authority, could be reached last
night for comment.

Meanwhile, those who were lucky
enough to be chosen also had their
problems. The Broadcasting
Authority chartered an Arkia
Viscount to take the 12-man group to
Cairo, and they were ready to go in
the bitter cold of four o'clock yester-
day morning. But permission to land
could not be acquired from Cairo,
because, as Cairo aviation
authorities explained it, this would
have to be granted by the head of the
Egyptian delegation to the talks.

Rather than wake Dr. Kamal
Abdul-Magid in the small hours, the
journalists decided to fly to Athens
by Olympic Airways, and to make
their way to Cairo from there.

Fierce clash in S. Lebanon

By YORAM HANDEKARI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Rocket, artillery and
machinegun fire was directed by
terrorists on the Lebanese forces
enclave north of here yesterday.
Lebanese artillery and tanks return-
ed fire and the duel lasted for more
than an hour.

The terrorists' fire was directed
from both across the Litani River
west of the enclave and from the
village of Ibel el-Said, east of the
enclave.

The exchanges were described as
among the heaviest since the cease-
fire two months ago and the
strongest this month.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Christians
continued Christmas preparations
and northern Israeli settlements
are helping the besieged Lebanese to
celebrate the holiday.

A Christmas tree will be put at the
Good Fence near here and the Kib-
butz Dance Company will perform at
Kibbutz Kfar Ehim this week in a
pre-Christmas party to which 150
Lebanese have been invited.

U.S. senator
hail Begin's
peace offers

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Enthusiasm
for the proposals left here by
Minister Begin was voiced on
Friday by Senate supporters of Israel
administration and growing admini-
stration support of the Sadat-Begin
process.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Vt.)
said, "We are really moving
the road to peace in the Middle
East for the first time since 1947."

He spoke following a hur-
ried arrival at Blair House on Fri-
day for a number of sen-
ators, including Jacob Javits (D.
N.Y.), Richard Stone (D-Fla.)
Clifford Case (R-N.J.) and
Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.).

Jackson's statement is re-
flecting a sense of satis-
faction among Israel's friends in the
at an apparent change in the
Administration policy of push-
ing a Geneva conference on terms
would, in their view, have
served Israel's position.

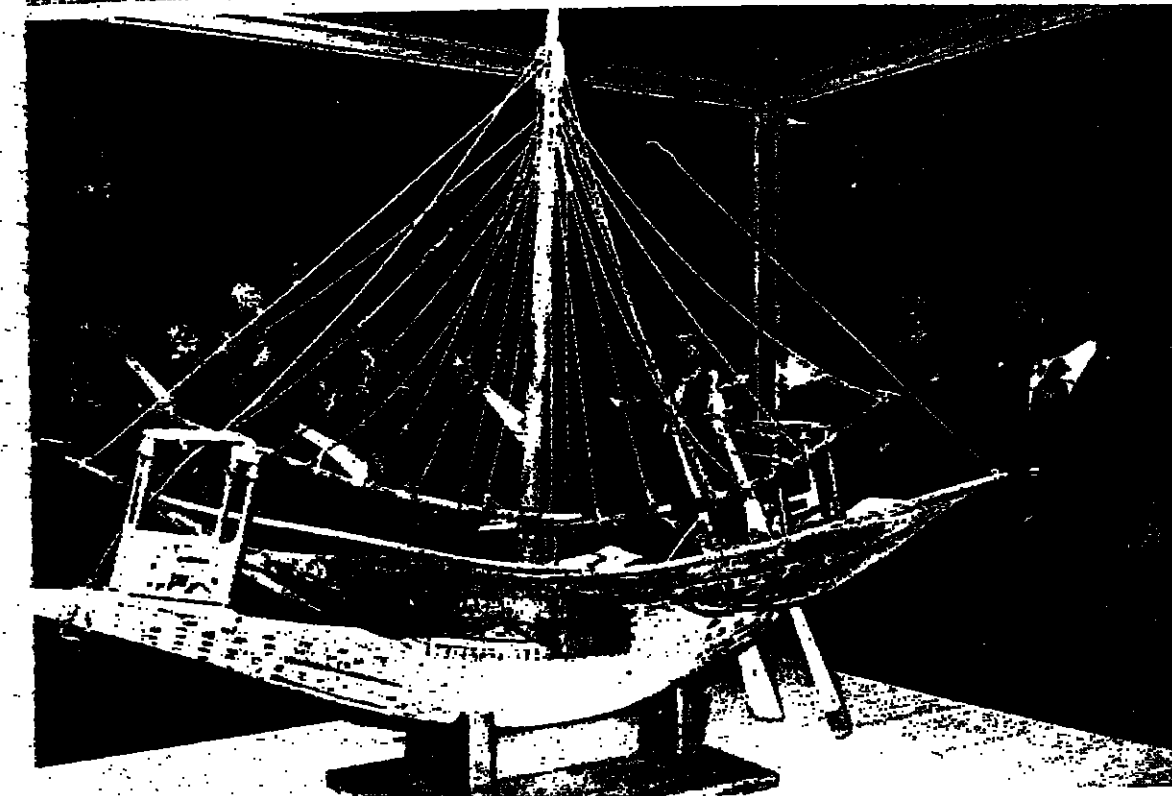
Concern centers on the
role that had been assigned
President Hafez Assad by Ad-
ministration, a role that favors
claims of Damascus and the
over those of both Israel and
Jordan. This approach was seen as
almost certain deadlock at G.

At the same time, the
Administration's move paving

Israel team takes day off in Cairo



General view of the Cairo Museum, above, with Israeli delegation in background seen about to enter the building yesterday. Below, Israeli delegates Eliahu ben-Elissar and Aluf Avraham Tamir (right) view one of the exhibits. (Rahamim Yisraeli)



Members of Israeli delegation study model of an ancient Egyptian vessel in the Cairo Museum. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Katzir reveals \$100m. oil deal with Mexico

By GRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel has struck a \$100m. deal with Mexico to buy oil in the coming year, President Ephraim Katzir revealed to the journalists forum at Beit Sokolow on Friday.
He said it was one aspect of the friendship which marks the relations with Mexico, a country which he officially visited recently.
"Of course, they expect favour for favour," the president added. Soon after Katzir left Mexico, President Ortillo invited the Jewish businessmen in his country to invest more in Mexico rather than seek investments abroad.

In Guatemala, which Katzir also visited, he heard much praise for the Israeli-built Arava plane, which is used in agricultural transport from far-flung localities. Guatemala, Katzir said, has purchased the Israeli-made Gali rifle and some other products of Israeli military industry. "but the deal is considered of minor importance there."
Katzir also visited Costa Rica, where the public health service has been planned by the Costa Rican Health Minister on the model of Kupat Holim.

Katzir said he had no plans for

further official visits abroad before the end of his present term, next May. Asked whether he would stand for re-election, the President said: "This is not my wish, at present."
He was also asked whether he would recommend a change in the law so that the President might wield more executive power than at present. "I have been giving this thought, but the problem is complex. For there are advantages in either system. For instance, I presume the extremely warm welcome the president of Israel was given on his recent trip might have been marred if he were coming to talk business. Perhaps it is better that concrete measures are discussed by the ministers directly involved coming on the heels of the president." The Minister of Commerce and Industry, for instance, will be going to Mexico in February, Katzir added.
Katzir said he would like cultural and technical exchanges with Egypt to begin even before the terms of a formal settlement are agreed upon. Egypt, the president suggested, could avail herself of the experience gathered in Israel in matters of public health, agriculture, industrial technology and social economy. "We would be happy to learn from one another," he added.

Capucci sees Pope, plans Latin American travel

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope Paul VI on Friday granted a private audience to Greek Catholic Archbishop Eulogio Capucci, who was released from an Israeli prison last month and deported after four months of negotiations between the Vatican and Israel.

Capucci has been in Rome since his deportation. He had served three years of a 12-year prison sentence imposed after he was convicted of smuggling guns to Palestinian terrorists.

Meanwhile, the Sacred Congregation for Oriental Churches said Capucci would visit Latin America and presumably will live there once he leaves Rome.

One stipulation of his release is believed to be an understanding that the bishop will not be posted in the Middle East.

The Vatican said Bishop Capucci was assigned to visit Catholic Melkite communities in some coun-

tries of Latin America on the request of Patriarch Maximos V Hakim of Beirut. The Patriarch accompanied the bishop to the papal audience.

The official announcement did not specify what countries the bishop will visit. But sources said he would probably travel to Venezuela, Mexico and Argentina where there are various Melkite communities totalling some 50,000 members.

The Vatican was reportedly ready to assign Bishop Capucci permanently to South America as a residing bishop. But the papacy reportedly insisted on being assigned as a "visitor" thus retaining a greater possibility to travel under church regulations.

Capucci, 55, currently lives in a church-run pension. He said recently he was determined to remain in contact with his people and the Arab world and that he had sent a message to his Melkite community in Jerusalem.

Beersheba man 'intentionally killed self with grenade'

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Yisach Cohen, the 21-year-old local man who died last week after injuring 24 by-standers in a handgrenade attack in a crowded commercial centre here, apparently intended to take his own life — according to an item in Beersheba's weekly newspaper, "Sheva."
The paper reports that Cohen had intended to "get back" at a group of friends who had ostracized him in recent weeks on suspicion that he had become a police informer.

Cohen's 19-year-old brother, now the oldest of nine brothers and sisters, told the paper that Yisach had

been released from prison 18 months ago. Since that time, his brother said, he had had difficulty finding regular work because of his jail record. He had been exempted from doing his army service for the same reason, and this had added to his difficulty in finding a job.

In the past few weeks, rumours began that Yisach was a police informer because he had been seen with large sums of money in his pockets and was not working. His brother described him as acting "very strangely — suspicious and restless, pacing around the house" during the weekend before the grenade attack.

The brother's girl-friend told the paper that she had been with Yisach immediately before his death. She met him in the commercial centre, and he asked her if she was off to work, noting that he himself was going "where everyone finally goes." But she did not understand what he meant.

While they were talking, the girl said, Yisach pulled two handgrenades out of his coat pocket and tossed them into a nearby snack-bar, creating panic and havoc and injuring 24 persons.

The girl then saw Yisach kneel on the pavement. She tried to approach him, but he told her to leave quickly. As she ran off she heard another explosion, and when she looked back she saw that Yisach was dead.

"He didn't slip or fall," she said. "He simply lay on top of the third grenade — quite intentionally."

Cinema strike continues

TEL AVIV. — No contact was made over the weekend between the cinema owners and the authorities on the protest shutdown of the country's movie houses. Avraham Grembek, chairman of the Cinema Owners Association told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The cinemas were closed down last Thursday and will remain closed, the owners say. "Either the entertainment tax is cancelled, or we cancel our businesses," Grembek said. The association claims that the excessively high entertainment tax is keeping the public away.

If the tax is cancelled, the association promises the reduction will be passed onto the public.



Mohammed el-Kafrawy, Egyptian Minister of Construction and Development, (left) and Yitzhak Peretz, Israel's Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, photographed together last week at the International Congress on New Towns, in Teheran.

Egyptian minister may visit

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Egyptian Minister of Construction and Development, Mohammed el-Kafrawy, may visit Israel to study incentives offered here to get people and industry to move to development towns.

Kafrawy was invited last week when he met several times with Yitzhak Peretz, Deputy Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, during the International Congress on

New Towns which took place in Teheran. This week Peretz will dispatch an official invitation.

Egypt is planning three new towns, Kafrawy told Peretz. One of them, to be named "Sadat," is to be located between Cairo and Alexandria. Another is planned for the Nile Delta, and a third between Cairo and Ismailia.

Peretz also met with the Algerian delegation in Teheran, but the Algerians made some effort to keep the meeting from being publicized.

Triple vaccine for infants discontinued

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Health Ministry this weekend announced that it is discontinuing the so-called triple vaccine for infants, because in some cases the shot's evidently had a damaging effect on children's nervous systems.

The vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough affected six infants in the last seven months. The ministry spokesman said the shot will be discontinued until a safer preparation can be found.

It is still not known if the shot itself was directly responsible for the reaction, or if it merely served to bring on a malady already existing in the children. In any case, the spokesman stressed, parents of children who have already received the vaccine need not worry. The reactions occur inevitably within 24 hours of receiving the shot.

U.S., Soviet back Israeli proposal on air safety

MONTREAL (JTA). — A proposal submitted here on Thursday by Israel to prepare recommendations for standard regulations for the safety of airports and surveillance in and near airports was seconded by the U.S., Canada, Britain, France, Japan, Morocco and the Soviet Union.

The proposal was presented to the International Civil Aviation Committee on unlawful interference with Civil Aviation. Spain and Pakistan were the sole countries to object to Israel's proposal.

Prowling lions cause panic in Nairobi

NAIROBI (AP). — Five killer lions prowled in the area of two rich Nairobi suburbs yesterday, creating panic among the local population.

The lions broke through a hole in the fence around Nairobi game park and killed two horses, on which they feasted.

Parents in the suburbs were ordered to lock up their children and keep domestic animals inside, if possible.

Armed game wardens had not found the lions by nightfall.



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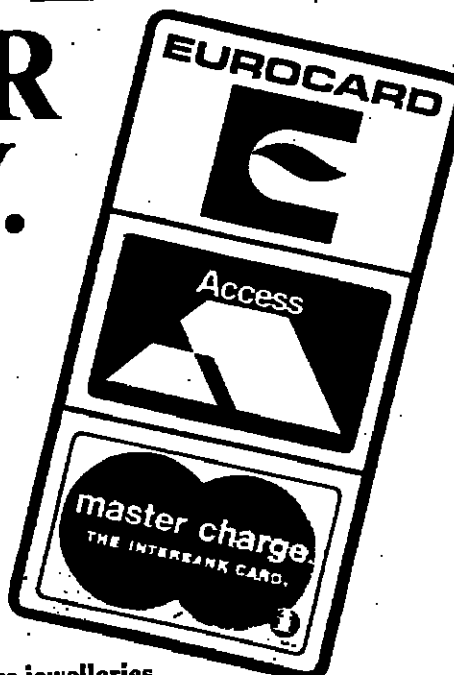
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300 executed in Addis Ababa More Cubans, Soviets reported in Ethiopia

WASHINGTON. — The State Department said on Friday that there has been a "substantial increase" in the number of Soviet and Cuban military personnel stationed in embattled Ethiopia.

Spokesman John Tattner also said that U.S. intelligence has confirmed reports that Ethiopia's international airport is swamped with supplies arriving aboard Soviet planes.

The U.S. accused the Soviet Union last week of airlifting goods to Ethiopia by flying over some countries without permission and filing misleading flight plans at refueling stations.

Last month, the State Department said 100 Soviet and 400 Cuban military advisers were in Ethiopia. Tattner added that there has been a substantial increase in those numbers, but that he could not pinpoint any figure.

At the United Nations, a Somali government minister said on Friday that a Soviet weapons airlift to Ethiopia had "begun to assume alarming proportions," and included tanks and sophisticated aircraft.

Hussien Kassim, Minister for Mines and Water Resources, said in an interview that a "huge supply of sophisticated arms" was pouring into what had become a "Soviet com-

mand post" in Ethiopia, which is battling Somali forces in the disputed Ogaden region.

Reports from Nairobi, Kenya, said diplomats in Addis Ababa yesterday reported a death toll of about 300 from Thursday night's political violence in the Ethiopian capital.

They said notes pinned to bodies left on public display in the city streets read: "This is a revenge measure. We are tired of burying revolutionaries."

The killings are viewed here as the latest stage in the Marxist military government's urban war against the extreme left-wing Peoples Revolutionary Party and other anti-government groups.

Two U.S. congressmen saw some of the bodies in Addis Ababa streets before flying to Nairobi where they spoke of a "reign of terror" in the city.

In Rome, a spokesman for the Ethiopian Peoples Liberation Front said the Front has pushed Ethiopian troops into the port area of the city of Massawa, and rebel troops have occupied three-fourths of Eritrea's second largest city.

The estimated 10,000 Ethiopian troops defending the city are fighting with their backs to the sea, EPLF representative Amde Michael Kahsal said on Friday. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. not satisfied with Japanese steps to reduce trade surplus

WASHINGTON (AP). — Top trade officials of the U.S. and Japan acknowledged on Friday that they failed during four days of high-level talks here to come close to resolving serious trade problems between the two nations.

"I think there's a long way to go," Robert S. Strauss, President Carter's special trade representative, told a news conference.

But Strauss said the U.S. welcomed a decision by the Japanese government to try to achieve 7 per cent growth of its economy next year, saying this would contribute to the economic health of the rest of the world, not just Japan.

Strauss repeated earlier statements that a package of measures announced by Japan to reduce its huge trade surplus with the U.S., projected at more than \$8 billion this year, was insufficient.

During the discussions, Japanese spokesmen disclosed that to help reduce their trade surplus with the U.S. as well as with the rest of the world they will reduce import tariffs on 113 products and increase quotas for imports of some products from the U.S.

Chief Japanese representative Ushiba told reporters that "ignorance and misunderstanding on the part of some countries has put Japan unfairly on the defensive with respect to its import policies. Japan is a much more open country than perhaps you have read," he said.

Ushiba added it is likely Japan will succeed in achieving its 7 per cent growth target next year, and blamed the shortfall of economic growth in 1977 largely on the increase in value of the yen in comparison to the U.S. dollar.

UN scores Chile on rights

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The General Assembly voted overwhelmingly on Friday to denounce alleged human rights violations in Chile.

The resolution was opposed only by Chile, 12 other Latin American nations and Lebanon.

Chile's UN ambassador, Sergio Diez Urzua, condemned the proposal as the result of a "conspiracy on the part of the great powers."

It was one of a group of human rights-related resolutions adopted by the Assembly on Friday. Others call for greater respect for the rights of migrant workers and certain categories of prisoners, and urge establishment of regional human rights bodies where they do not now exist.

The Assembly has adopted similar Chile human rights resolutions every year since 1974, the year after right-wing military leaders overthrew the Socialist government of President Salvador Allende.

The document expresses the Assembly's "particular concern and indignation at the continuing disappearance of persons" in Chile for political reasons, and "deplores" what it says is "the Chilean government's failure to fulfill promises that it would improve the human rights situation there."

In his speech to the Assembly, Urzua attacked what he called the "incredible singling out" of one country for such criticism.

UN teams working on anti-terror draft

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The General Assembly decided on Friday to keep alive two special panels charged with working out measures to combat international terrorism.

The Assembly unanimously approved a resolution asking a 35-nation committee "to make every effort" to submit to the Assembly in 1978 a draft convention against the taking of hostages.

The committee has before it a West German draft treaty which would bind states to prosecute or extradite offenders.

Several Third World delegates reiterated their view that criminal sanctions should not apply to terrorist acts carried out as part of the struggle for "national liberation or resistance against colonial rule and racist regimes."

UN Assembly meet dull but productive

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP). — If Britain's UN ambassador, Ivor Richard, were a schoolmaster, he would give the current session of the world body's General Assembly, which is due to close this week, a B grade. Though some observers commented that the session has been duller than in recent years, devoid of pistol-packing Arabists or the fluency of a Daniel Moynihan, big-power diplomats from East and West agreed it had been workmanlike and productive.

Richard commended the resolution urging measures to prevent air-line hijacking, which encouraged the world's organized airline pilots to call off a strike threatened after a West German pilot was killed by hijackers.

The Assembly resolution called on governments to tighten airport security and ratify treaties committing them to extradite or prosecute captured hijackers.

Yury E. Fokine of the Soviet UN mission, at a news conference, termed the session "constructive." Asked to name the Assembly's three main accomplishments, he said its declaration on detente, decisions on disarmament and a "spirit of cooperation...evident in almost every committee" — except the Social Committee.

That committee was the scene of two extraordinary attempts to get

human rights decisions beyond the usual condemnations of South Africa, Israel and Chile. Both were sidetracked to the habitually timid Commission on Human Rights. Italy and 23 other countries of Western Europe, the Americas, Africa and the Pacific sponsored a resolution calling for appointment of a UN high commissioner to promote human rights worldwide, an idea U.S. President Jimmy Carter endorsed in a speech here last March.

But Communist, Arab and African nations voted 62-49, with 21 abstentions, for a Cuban proposal instead, by which the committee decided to send the resolution and the record of the debate to the commission.

Later, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden sponsored a resolution to have the Assembly express "deep concern about repeated gross violations of basic human rights of individuals in Uganda" and ask the commission to consider the situation.

The 48-nation African group, in order to protect Ugandan President Idi Amin, made a deal whereby the sponsors did not press for a vote in return for an understanding that the concern expressed would be "taken into account" when the commission next took up the Ugandan situation.

When Britain asked the commission to take it up in Geneva last March, the commission went behind

closed doors to decide merely to keep the matter under review.

The Assembly admitted Djibouti and Vietnam to the United Nations, boosting the membership to 149, and handled a record agenda of 131 items, topping 1976's 126.

It adopted many resolutions against South African race segregation and Israeli occupation of Arab territories, and saw an Egyptian walkout on a Syrian speech critical of President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem.

One resolution established a unit in the UN Secretariat to publicize the rights the Assembly has said the Palestinians have to create their own state and return to their old homes in Israel.

President Carter spoke to the Assembly, saying the U.S. was willing to cut its nuclear weapons up to 50 per cent if the Soviet Union would do the same.

The current session is likely to be resumed in February or March to name a high-level UN director-general for development and international economic cooperation. In terms of other resolutions adopted, there will be a special session on disarmament towards the end of May next year, and a further session before September, when the next regular session convenes on the question of Namibia.

Soviet endorses \$343b. budget

MOSCOW (AP). — The Supreme Soviet on Friday formally adopted the Soviet Union's economic programme and a \$343b. state budget for 1978, Tass reported.

The 1978 plan, which was announced on Wednesday, calls for a modest 4.5 per cent increase in industrial production compared to this year's 5.8 per cent growth rate. The budget of \$343b. at the official exchange rate, ostensibly includes \$24.1b. for defence, the same as for 1977. The U.S. government estimates actual Soviet defence spending at more than \$100b.

Soviet astronauts begin second week in space

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgy Grechko were feeling well at the start of their second week in space aboard a combined Soyuz-Salyut orbital complex, Tass reported yesterday.

The Soviet news agency said the crew's initial seven days have been "well packed" with activities, including the docking of their Soyuz 26 spaceship with the Salyut-6 space station and conducting various research experiments.

Pill to be legal in Spain

MADRID (AP). — The government has approved a bill legalizing contraceptives in Catholic Spain, a move that may ease the consciences of tens of thousands of Spaniards who have been purchasing them illegally for years.

Approval of the bill by the Parliament is certain, a government spokesman said.

French car executive slain in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — A French executive of the Peugeot automotive plant was shot and killed by presumed left-wing terrorists on Friday, police sources said.

They identified the victim as Andres Casparoux and said he was ambushed on his way to work. Casparoux was technical director of the main Peugeot plant in Argentina, located at Florencio Varela, 35 km. south of Buenos Aires.

The French executive died in the hall of gunfire, and his bodyguard was wounded, they said.

In recent months, a series of automotive executives for various companies have been the targets for assassination by terrorist groups. Several of the companies have had labour problems in their plants.

Dutch resolve gov't crisis

THE HAGUE (AP). — The long Dutch political stalemate ended on Friday with the naming of a centre-right government to be headed by Christian Democrat leader Andries Van Agt.

The 16-member cabinet will be sworn in tomorrow. The cabinet will include six Liberal Party ministers. The Netherlands has been run by caretaker government since March 22, when the left-centre administration led by Socialist Premier Joop Den Uyl resigned in a dispute over land reform. Every effort to form a government since a May 25 general election had failed.

The Socialists won the most seats in the general election, but Den Uyl was unable to reach agreement with the Christian Democrats on a new coalition administration.

Together with the small leftist Democrats' 66 Party, the Socialists and Christian Democrats bargained for months before agreeing on government policy, but then talks broke down irreparably in a row over the allocation of ministerial posts.

The new government may run into problems as a result of its bare majority. Seven left-wing Christian Democrats who would have preferred a coalition with the Socialists have said they are not in accord with government policy worked out with the Liberals.

Austrian pays abductors for wife's return

VIENNA (AP). — Liselotte Boehm, the wife of a wealthy Austrian textile industrialist, was released unharmed early yesterday by abductors who had held her since last Monday. Leopold Boehm said a "very high" ransom was paid for his wife. He declined to give the amount, but newspaper reports placed the ransom at about \$1.8 million.

After the fire-drawn release, Boehm told reporters his wife had been treated well by her captors and had received the constant medication she needed because of an operation. Masked gunmen abducted Mrs. Boehm, 42, last Monday as she and her mother arrived at her home while Boehm was away on business. Boehm had made it clear that he was unwilling to cooperate with police and that he would deal with the abductors alone.

CHOLERA. — More than 80 people have died of cholera in the past two days in the East Java regency of Banyuwangi, according to a newspaper report in Jakarta yesterday.

Indonesia to free more detainees

JAKARTA (AP). — Chief of Indonesia's Security and Order Command, Admiral Sudomo, said yesterday that another 1,500 Communist detainees will be released on Tuesday, bringing the total released this year to 10,000.

Sudomo said another 10,000 will be released next year and 19,792 others in 1979. He said the detainees are free to return to their homes or to stay in resettlement projects operated by the government in several parts of the country.

The released prisoners will remain under government supervision until their loyalty to the state and nation are proven by their daily activities, Sudomo said. He noted that several former cabinet ministers under the Sukarno government are among those to be released.

Suharto urges new economic order

JAKARTA (AP). — Indonesian President Suharto has urged Third World countries to cooperate with each other to achieve their common goals: the building of a new world economic order and safeguarding the Indian Ocean as a peaceful zone. He made the appeal when he received the credentials of new Sudanese Ambassador Hassan el Amin, based at the Merdeka palace here yesterday.

Mammoth find in China

TOKYO (AP). — Chinese archaeologists discovered a fairly well-preserved skeleton of an adult mammoth in Mingshui county, Heilongjiang province, northeast China, in October, Peking's official Hsinhua news agency reported yesterday.

Hsinhua said the skeleton of a mammoth, an extinct elephant relative that lived tens of thousands of years ago, is approximately three metres tall and five metres long. The Peking report also said fossil teeth and limbs of mammoths have been found previously on several occasions in northeast China.

British Labour recoups lead in opinion poll

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labour government, which during the past year has trailed far behind Margaret Thatcher's opposition Conservatives in popularity, has regained a lead over the Tories. A Gallup Poll published in the "Daily Telegraph" on Friday showed Callaghan's party 0.5 per cent ahead.

As recently as last summer, Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party was running 14.5 per cent ahead of the government in the opinion polls although Labour had closed the gap by the end of October.

Giant oil tankers catch fire after colliding off S. Africa

PORT ELIZABETH (AP). — Two giant American-owned oil tankers that collided off the South African coast and caught fire were intact and under tow, port authorities reported yesterday.

The 330,354-ton Venoli collided with its sister ship Vespert on Friday morning, threatening the worst pollution disaster in South African maritime history.

In the world's biggest recorded collision in terms of tonnage, all but two of the 82 crewmen — most of them Hongkong Chinese — were reported rescued. Two sailors were still missing yesterday, and there appeared to be little hope for their survival in the shark-infested waters.

Fires on the Venoli, which was carrying 250,000 tons of crude oil, and the unladen Vespert were extinguished overnight, authorities said. "We were very, very lucky. We have been fortunate enough to avoid one hell of a big disaster," said assistant port captain Wally Shaw.

Shaw said an oil slick had spread over an area about 10 kms. long, three kms. wide near the point of collision, about 30 kms. off the coast. He said the slick may blow towards the coast, but added: "Time is on our side."

The tankers, of identical design, were each valued at about \$10 million. Both were built in Japan in 1971 and were registered in Liberia. There were no immediate estimates of cost of the mishap.

A view of damage from the Venoli indicated that the Venoli hit the Vespert forward of the bridge, right hole 60m. long and about 15m. wide. It was believed that the Venoli's engine room took the brunt of impact and the bunker oil released probably caused the fire.

By Friday evening the fire on both ships had subsided, but again towards midnight. Both were extinguished — the Venoli apparently burned itself out — in early hours of yesterday.

KIDNAPPING

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violence has brought us in the past. It led to the loss of 40 per cent of our island."

He was referring to the Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus, which was prompted by a right-wing Greek coup to bring about "Enosis" — the union of Cyprus and Greece. About 80,000 Turkish troops still occupy northern Cyprus, effectively partitioning the island.

For the second straight day, thousands of youthful Greek Cypriots demonstrated for the release of the president's son. Those outside the presidential office chanted, "Give Achilles back...We support you, Mister President."

With the kidnappers' extended deadline reportedly set to expire late last night, the president held a new emergency meeting with his cabinet and the leaders of the four main political parties.

Press reports said former Eoka members, who fought against the British in the 1950s, were assisting in secret negotiations with the abductors.

Eoka-B is a successor group formed in 1971, 11 years after the island received its independence. It has continued the underground armed struggle for Enosis. Twenty-five Eoka-B members are behind bars and others still are wanted in connection with the 1974 coup.

The president's wife Mimi addressed another group of sympathizers outside her home, telling them she was sure God would protect her son. "My husband will not act as a father, but as a president," she assured them in a firm voice. Standing beside her was her youngest son, 17-year-old Marcos, who flew back here from Athens after his brother's kidnapping.

Foreign Minister John Christofides told newsmen that secret contacts had been made during the night with the kidnappers, but that, "for the moment, we can say nothing."

Press reports on the hunt for the kidnappers centred on a mysterious Eoka-B member known as "the Doctor" or Vassos Pavlides, who tops the country's most-wanted list. Pavlides has been sought for the last three years in connection with the 1974 coup and is believed hiding in the Limassol area.

Newspapers said the government had reached a preliminary agreement with the kidnappers to allow Pavlides to leave the country in return for Achilles' release. But the government was not ready to declare an amnesty for those imprisoned for crimes of violence, the papers said.

After Friday night's cabinet session, Communications Minister George Tomazos told newsmen, "We know who the kidnappers are and they know that we know them." He did not elaborate.

32 patients in Manila fire

MANILA (AP). — Thirty patients of an overcrowded hospital building died in a fire on Friday, officials said.

Some patients fled to the fire escape, but rescuers trying to save them from their burning ward failed.

Dr. Jaime Castaneda, director of the National Mental Hospital, a of the victims had been identified early afternoon, 12 hours after the fire.

He said six patients suffered smoke inhalation and "there were some patients who escaped, but police will get them back."

The facility is in suburban daluyong, just southeast of Manila. The fire destroyed the interior pavilion designed for 400 patients holding more than 1,200. Castaneda said.

Two dead, many homeless in Australian fires

SYDNEY, Australia (AP). — Hundreds of people are homeless as two dead after a series of vicious bushfires near Sydney. Worst-hit was the Blue Mount area 55 km. west of Sydney, where fire swept out of control on a 60 front Friday night.

A 15-year-old girl trapped in burning home was killed, and buildings, including a convent hospital, were destroyed along 20,000 acres (80,000 dunams) of bushland.

The second victim, a man, died of a heart attack while attempting to push his car to safety at Menzies, the southern outskirts of Sydney, where a separate bushfire threatened hundreds of homes.

Both fires were still burning night.

Dutch terrorist group seized

ROTTERDAM (AP). — Members of a Dutch urban terror group have been arrested following attacks at the West German consulate, the home of the U.S. and a Rotterdam courthouse, said on Friday.

The suspects told police belonged to a group calling itself "Universal Liberation Front" said they were protesting the German justice system and the suspension of material goods. The attacks were carried out on separate dates in October with a fire bomb, but there were no injuries.

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S. anxious to rope Syria into a peace-making process

by EDWIN FRENKEL
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INGTON. — Despite dis-
cussion, the Carter Adminis-
tration has not fully reconciled to Egypt-
Syria peace talks. The Egyptian
peace process which undercuts the
effort to achieve a single-
comprehensive peace agree-
ment between Israel and all its Arab
partners under the banner of a
Geneva Conference.
According to various American
sources, the administration is
not interested in bringing
into the negotiating process,
through it, the "more or
less" elements of the PLO.
Sources say that the ad-
ministration has decided that for the
time being, it should not place obstacles
in the path, in the hope that the
sum released by Egyptian
talks, in Cairo and elsewhere,
will bring the Syrians from their pre-
sition.
"Syrian Nexus" in the Carter
administration's policy dates back
to the early days of Carter's
term. National Security Ad-
viser Zbigniew Brzezinski is said to
have made a judgment that the U.S.
not only abandon the so-
called "step-by-step" strategy of
Kissinger in favour of a com-
prehensive agreement, but also
make Syria the key ele-
ment in the process.
Over Syria, as Kissinger
has said, was seen as an in-
strument in U.S. strategy
toward the Soviet Union.
This reason that President
last spring was prepared to
Syrian President Assad in

Geneva, when Assad refused to
come to Washington or meet Carter
in one of the capitals that were then
on the itinerary of the U.S.
president's European tour.
Some sources here believe that
this meeting led to secret forms of
cooperation between the U.S. and
Syria, which embraced clandestine
cooperation with the PLO as well.
Sadat's initiative, rejected by Syria
and the PLO, brings with it in the
American view not only the danger
of splitting the Arab world, but also
of jeopardizing the developing
relations between the U.S. and Syria.
As a result, the administration at
first responded coolly to Sadat's trip
to Jerusalem and his proposal for a
Cairo conference. The U.S. did not
want to scuttle all possibility of
working in tandem with the Soviet
Union, since this could endanger
other elements in relations with the
Soviets (like the Salt talks, for ex-
ample). But it also did not want to
raise suspicions in Syria and elsewhere
that it was behind Sadat's moves.
Another element in American
thinking, these sources say, was a
sense that President Sadat was un-
able to cope with Egypt's drastic
economic and social problems, and
that Egypt, headed for internal tur-
moil, could not be seen as a reliable
anchor for American policy interests
in the Middle East.
It is understood that Sadat earlier
this year commissioned a West Ger-
man team to make a study of
Egypt's economy. That study con-
cluded that Egypt would be bankrupt
within six months unless Sadat
engaged in some drastic policy
changes which would lead to

massive doses of outside financial
and economic help.
Thus, looming economic
catastrophe coupled with resent-
ment at the course of American
policy lay behind his decision to go to
Jerusalem.
Apart from wishing to preserve
and broaden the relations developed
with Syria, American officials also
oppose any attempt by Egypt and
Israel to conclude a separate agree-
ment on the grounds it could not be
stable. They argue that the Palesti-
nian issue would only erupt again in
a way that would engulf Egypt as
well. Thus they say that it is in
Israel's interest not to rest satisfied
with what could only be a temporary
understanding with Egypt.
They are prepared to envisage a
first-step agreement between Israel
and Egypt, which would not only
leave the door open for Jordan, Syria
and perhaps Saudi Arabia, but which
would include more formal Israeli
commitments regarding the issues to
be resolved with these states.
There is doubt that Sadat could in
fact go it alone with Israel. But even
if he were tempted, it would not be in
his interest, according to this
American view.
Linking some kind of commitment
regarding the West Bank to an
agreement with Egypt is therefore
seen here as essential, but it is ex-
pected that Israel would want to
have a clear view of what it could ex-
pect from the U.S. in return. For
Israel, it is believed, would not be
prepared to surrender any territory
to any party, without specific and
tangible American commitments un-
derwriting such agreements.



"THE SYRIAN NEXUS" — President Jimmy Carter greets Syrian President Hafez Assad after making a special trip to Geneva earlier this year, signalling his determination to establish a firm Washington-Damascus axis in U.S. Middle East policy.

Sudan making huge strides in agricultural development

Observer New Service
KHARTOUM. — Using borrowed
Arab petrodollars to fuel Western
technology more extensively than
any country on the continent, the
agricultural development of Africa's
largest country, the Sudan, is in high
gear and the results are impressive.
President Ja'afar Numeiri has
now opened the enormous Rahad
agricultural project, which couples
the largest pumping station in Africa
and the Middle East with hundreds
of miles of irrigation canals and
opens up huge tracts of prime land to
cotton and food production.
The main contractors for the
irrigation infrastructure and the
enormous Meina pump station are
both Sudanese. This in itself is
remarkable when contrasted to the
dearth of such home-grown engi-
neers and construction capabilities
throughout the rest of independent
Africa.
These Sudanese firms are
successfully utilizing the latest in
capital-intensive Western
technology with advice from British
consultants. This runs against the
present tide in Africa, where
planners and politicians are calling
for labour-intensive rural develop-
ment.
The World Bank's soft loan af-
filiate, the International Develop-
ment Association, and the U.S. have
joined Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in
financing the exploitation of the Nile
to create the most modern irrigation
scheme in Africa.
The prospects for continued
agricultural growth in the Sudan are
immense. The Saudis, Kuwaitis and
other Arab oil exporting states well
appreciate that 70 per cent of all un-
exploited agricultural land in the
Middle East is contained within the
Sudan, a country increasingly aware

of its role as the bridge between the
African and Arab worlds.
The Sudan's rapid development
isn't just for the benefit of oil export-
ing Arabs, because the Sudanese
people themselves stand to gain the
most. The 18,000 very poor farm
families who scraped out a living in
the vicinity of the Rahad where they
are now being resettled will see their
incomes rise from about \$400 annu-
ally to more than \$2,000 during the next
few years.
Each family is being given 22
acres for intensive cotton and
ground-nut production, or alter-
natively, five acres for fruit and
vegetable cultivation. They are also,
for the first time, being provided
with schools, clinics and hospitals
and a wide range of other services—
including grants of \$125 to purchase
doors and windows for the homes
they are building themselves.
In rural Africa, the Sudanese find
that large tractors, bulldozers, earth
levelers and the most advanced cot-
ton ginneries in the world are ap-
propriate for their conditions.
The fertile but intractable crack-
ling clay soil on the banks of the
Rahad river responds only to
mechanised farming, and whereas
most of Africa suffers from tremen-
dous unemployment, the expansive
Sudan actually experiences seasonal
labour shortages. In addition, the
Sudanese have a reservoir of
technically skilled manpower which
exceeds that of most of Africa.
Though critics point out that rural
development has been centred in
only two per cent of the vast country
to the neglect of the impoverished
peoples of the East and South, both
the grandeur and success of Sudan's
rural projects force one to search
hard for a more viable rural
economy in Africa.

lat's public relations success in U.S. led Washington to support talks

MURRAY MARDER
The Washington Post
INGTON. — The Carter Ad-
ministration has abandoned hope for
in tandem with the Soviet
toward a comprehensive
peace settlement
in the near future, officials
vately acknowledge.
The result of the audacious
blitz conducted by Egypt-
Syria President Assad, the U.S.
instead to a three-stage
of supporting overlapping
-country peace accords.
The final stage, if that point is
ached, would American and
-sily converge again, to put
of approval on an overall
rael peace settlement at a
ed Geneva Conference.
ean and Soviet strategies both
en overtaken, senior U.S. of-
acknowledge, by Sadat's
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of the Soviet Union which
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can policy is now pointed in
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"the Palestinian question."
subsequent stage — if ob-
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tour of Middle East capitals

last week was intended to rally support
for keeping these options open.
But the control of the process has
passed to other nations — notably
Egypt and Israel.
New information can now be
pieced together about the ex-
traordinary developments set in mo-
tion by Sadat during the past month.
Despite initial hesitation and internal
debate about the Sadat in-
itiatives in the Middle East,
American officials now say the
Carter Administration is "not un-
comfortable at all" about the
turn about.
This is a major reversal of the
direction in which the U.S. and the
Soviet Union were headed in their
highly controversial October 1 ac-
cord on setting joint guidelines for a
Geneva Conference. That declara-
tion brought an upsurge in Israel, and
in Congress, on grounds that it un-
wisely brought the Soviet Union back
into the mainstream of Middle East
diplomacy.
Administration strategists now
say that it was never their
"preferred outcome," any time
"the Russians in" on Arab-Israeli
diplomacy if the protagonists
would bargain together on their own.
The Soviet Union is outraged — or
at least it professes outrage. It
charges the U.S., Egypt and Israel
with conspiring in "a plot" to "foil a
Geneva Conference."
Administration officials deny they
plotted anything. They insist it was
Sadat's strategy, not theirs, which
leaves the U.S. in a supporting role
inside a diplomatic pattern which
Egypt and Israel now dominate, with
the Soviet Union outside, crying
"foul."
What Sadat set in motion literally
leapfrogged everyone else's ob-
jectives. It was his Cairo conference
proposal, far more than his visit to
Jerusalem last month, which forced
American and Soviet strategists to
make specific diplomatic choices. It
was this decision on which the U.S.
broke with the Soviet Union.

Sadat, in a masterful exploitation
of public relations, loaded that decision
in his own favour, especially
where the U.S. was concerned. By
flooding American and world televi-
sion with appealingly sympathetic
interviews in which he dramatically
portrayed himself as the champion
of peace, Sadat in a matter of days
captured the overwhelming admiration
of the American, the Israeli and
by no means least of all, the Egyptian
public.
A public opinion poll by Louis
Harris, commissioned recently by
ABC news, shows that Americans,
by a margin of 52 to 48 per cent, now
believe that "Egypt wants peace
more than Israel." What is striking
about this attitude, Harris pointed
out, is that it represents a complete
new trend. In previous polls,
Harris noted, the general pattern of
American opinion was that "Israel
really wants peace" by a "two-to-
one" margin over the Arabs.
Now, for the first time," Harris
said, "Sadat has brought Egypt up
with the American people as the
prime hope for peace."
In the wake of American public es-
teem for Sadat, it was "politically in-
escapable" that the Carter Ad-
ministration would be impelled to
join his call for a conference in
Cairo, administration planners
agree — regardless of what the
Soviet Union decided, or of what the
American diplomatic preferences
might be.
Some accounts, which top ad-
ministration officials angrily deny,
portray the ensuing debate inside the
administration over attending the
Cairo meeting as a stormy struggle
between the State Department and
the White House, or between the
politicians and the diplomats. There
were differences, initially, informed
sources agree, over how to respond
to Sadat, and the Carter Adminis-
tration asked for and obtained a delay
in starting the Cairo talks.
But in the final analysis, the U.S.
had become, quite patently, the ob-
ject of Sadat's diplomacy.

Egypt, 'Middle East pauper,' exports its surplus manpower

BEIRUT (AP). — Egypt, pauper of
the Middle East, is exporting its sur-
plus manpower to labour-poor Arab
oil states. Even Egypt's bitterest
foes are benefiting.
Up to a million Egyptians have left
home in recent years to cash in on
the plentiful supply of petrodollars in
underpopulated oil regions, from
Algeria to the Persian Gulf.
These modern-day nomads are
working as labourers, technicians,
accountants, teachers, physicians,
journalists and even as government
advisers.
Although gripped by jitters since
President Anwar Sadat's controver-
sial visit to Israel last month, Egyp-
tian "guest workers" seem to re-
main welcome as long as they avoid
political involvement and disguise
their pro-Sadat sentiments.
The welcome mat left out by Li-
byan leader Muammar Gaddafi,
however, has not stopped Egyptians
from leaving his country since last
July's border clashes with Egypt.
According to informed estimates in
Tripoli, half of the 200,000 Egyptians
employed in Libya have gone home
and more are expected to follow in
the wake of the favor, courtesy by
Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.
Egypt has broken diplomatic
relations with five Arab states that
participated in the anti-Sadat sum-
mit at Tripoli earlier this month.
Two of these — Libya and Iraq — are

prime labour markets for job-
hunting Egyptians.
From Iraq, there are reports of
Egyptians being pressured into join-
ing in public condemnation of Sadat.
"I wouldn't like to lose my handsome
income here and be forced to return
to conditions of joblessness and meagre
earnings in Egypt," an
Egyptian working in Baghdad told a
reporter after returning from an
anti-Sadat rally. "To hell with
politics and politicians. We want to
live."
An estimated 800,000 Egyptians
are essential to Iraq's economy and
education system. Most of them are
semi-skilled labourers, farmers and
school teachers.
"Iraq is underpopulated, and we
need more Egyptians to come here
and till the farms and operate the
factories," an Iraqi official said.
"Politics aside, these Egyptians are
useful and friendly."
The Iraqi Government recently
arranged with Cairo to resettle a
million Egyptian farmers in newly
reclaimed farmland south of
Baghdad. About 500 families have
already been voluntarily uprooted
from their Upper Egyptian villages
and replanted at Al-Khalisa farm
near Baghdad.
"I like these Egyptian farmers.
They are hard-working men and
women. They are obedient and they
never argue," said Mahdi Hassan,

an official of the Iraqi Ministry of
Agriculture.
The second-largest Egyptian com-
munity in the Gulf region is in Saudi
Arabia, totalling about 150,000. They
make up the bulk of the kingdom's
medical and construction force, serv-
ing as doctors, nurses, architects
and manual labourers.
Egyptian women doctors are in
large demand because Saudi
husbands stubbornly refuse to let
male doctors examine their wives
even in serious cases.
"The number of Egyptians work-
ing here has been steadily increasing
since the government embarked on
the \$142b. five-year development
plan. We need them and, to tell you
the truth, they are much better than
those unruly hot-headed and
political-minded workers from other
Arab countries," a Saudi
businessman said.
He explained that Egyptians are
cheaper to employ than their
counterparts from Western countries,
who also insist on higher living stan-
dards.
The number of Egyptians directly
employed in the Saudi oil industry is
negligible, but they are believed to
be indispensable in the professions
and white-collar jobs.
Some 100,000 Egyptians are work-
ing in Kuwait, occupying key
positions in the civil service and
representing about 60 per cent of the

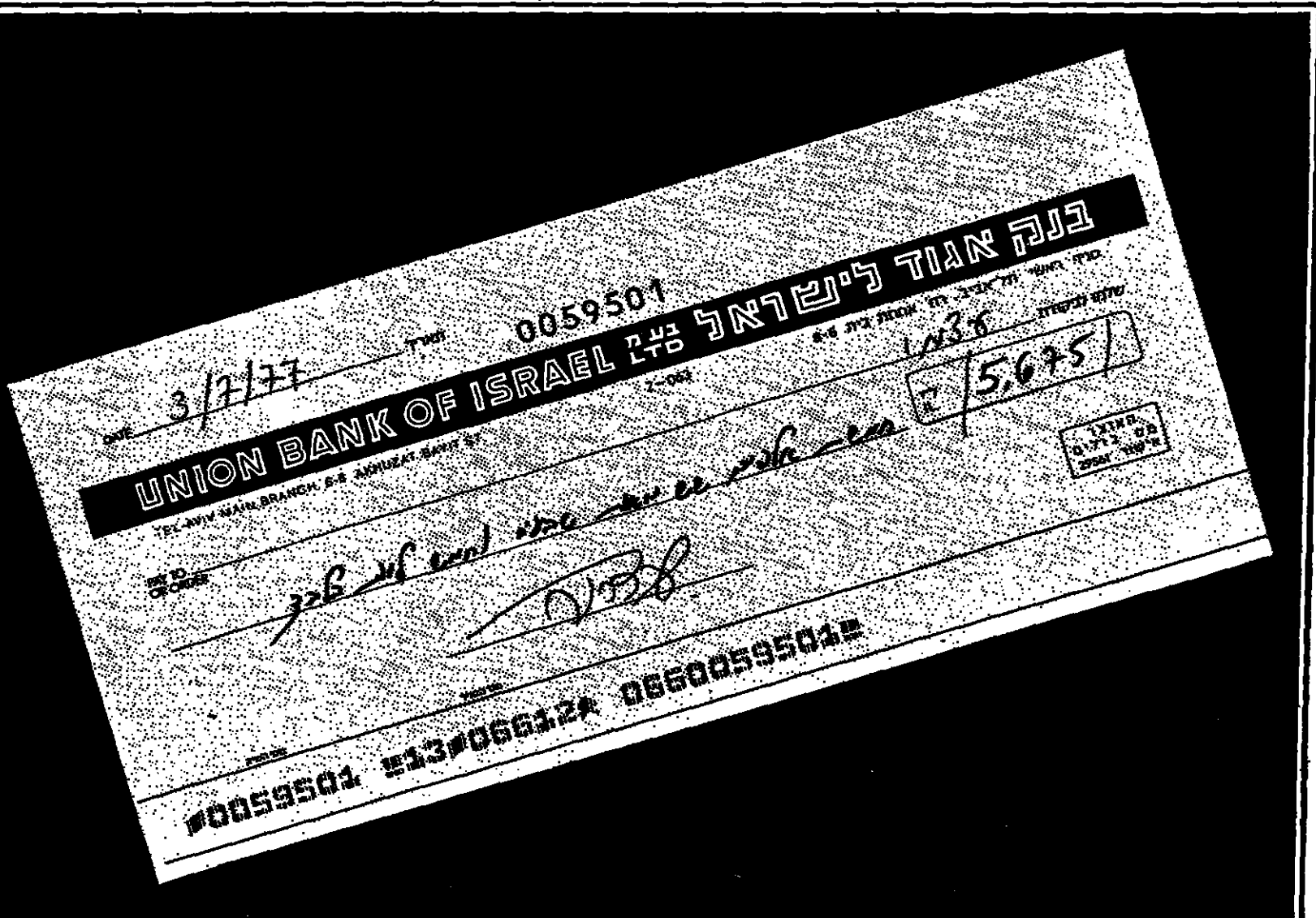
teachers in the emirate's school
system. Recently, there has been a
sharp rise in skilled workers to meet
the demands of Kuwait's building
boom.
The Egyptian community in the
United Arab Emirates is the most in-
fluential in the entire Persian Gulf
region. Of the estimated 40,000 Egyp-
tians in that country, some occupy
prestigious positions serving as ad-
visers to President Sheikh Zayed Bin
Sultan and cabinet ministers.
Former Egyptian Treasury
Minister, Hassan Abbas Zaki, is now
the chairman of the Abu Dhabi fund
for Arab economic development. Es-
siddin Ibrahim, an Egyptian author
and Islamic affairs specialist, is the
top adviser to President Zayed.
The government-owned
newspaper "Al-Itihad" is run
almost entirely by Egyptians. Its
chief editor, Mustafa Shoridi, was
only recently subordinated to a
native-born editor, in line with a new
UAE law. But Shoridi still directs the
newspaper's editorial staff.
In Qatar, Oman and Bahrain,
Egyptians are said to total 35,000,
mostly construction labourers and
semi-skilled workers.
"If these Egyptians should
suddenly leave the Gulf, they will be
very difficult and very expensive to
replace," a Kuwaiti businessman
said.

Now building Libya's second nuclear reactor

THOMAS OTTOLE
The Washington Post
INGTON. — Libya is reported
contracted with the Soviet
to construction of a \$40,000-
nuclear power plant.
In the nuclear power in-
a contract already has
ned that calls for the Soviet
s build the atomic power
id for Finland to design and
it an emergency cooling
for the plant.
s said the plant would be
ng Libya's Mediterranean
here sea water could be
to the plant to cool it. It will
s a second nuclear reactor
commercial nuclear power
wo years ago the Libyans
contract with the Soviets for
s construction of a 10,000-kilowatt
reactor that is too small to
to generate electricity for
nd factories.
and the Soviets will build for

Libya is of the so-called Lovina type
that Moscow has already supplied to
Finland and East Bloc countries in-
cluding Czechoslovakia, Poland and
East Germany. Estimated cost of
the plant is \$350m.
While no announcement has been
made of the deal, the Soviets are ex-
pected to notify the International
Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna
about it, and to put the plant under
IAEA safeguards. The Soviets have
placed all the nuclear power plants
they have built outside their borders
under the agency's safeguards to
guarantee that none of the nuclear
fuel is diverted to make weapons.
The way the Soviets have worked
nuclear deals with other countries
suggests that Libya will never take
ownership of the nuclear fuel. The
Soviets return all spent fuel to their
own country where they reprocess it
and keep the plutonium extracted.

The Soviets do not supply their
reactors with emergency cooling
systems, which is why Finland will
share the Libyan contract. Finland
builds what is called an ice con-
denser, which literally bathes the
reactor in ice to cool it down in case
of an accident. This prevents the
reactor from getting so hot that it
triggers an explosion in the power
plant's steam generator.
Much has been said about the
nuclear intentions of Libya, whose
leader, Muammar Gaddafi, once
said he wanted to buy nuclear
weapons from anybody who would
sell them to him, pledging he would
wage war against Israel "until the
Zionist state is destroyed."
It is Soviet policy to sell nuclear
power plants to anybody who can af-
ford them as long as they sign and
ratify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation
Treaty prohibiting the spread of
nuclear weapons. Libya has signed
and ratified that treaty.



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Conductor — Avner Itai
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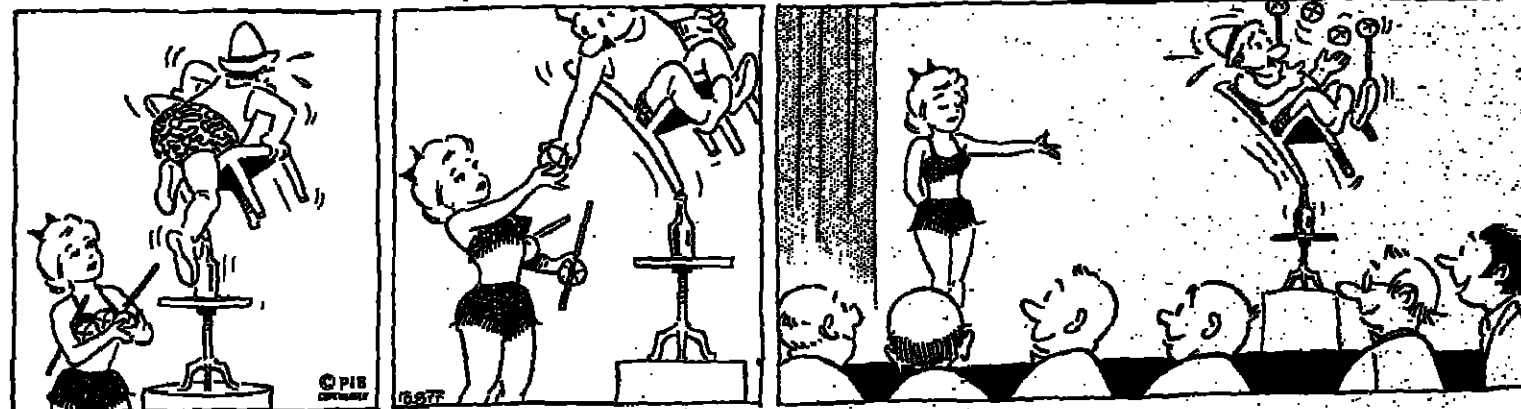
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100 in protest rally for el-Kurum victim

By YOEL DAB

JERUSALEM — About 2,000 people, mostly Arabs, gathered yesterday for a protest rally on the 40th day after the death of Ma'ari, who was killed in a police raid on the village of el-Kurum, a village in the West Bank.

The rally was organized by the Arab local council of el-Kurum, the Public Committee for the Arab Lands and the Action Committee.

Hanna Moles (Democratic for Peace and Equality), head of the local council, heads of a public committee of the village and the Action Committee, were among those who spoke at the demonstration. He demanded compensation for those whose houses were damaged, and a new house for the family whose house was destroyed.

Nazareth Mayor Tewfik Zayyad (also MK for the DFP) said the struggle is not a matter of construction planning but of policy which discriminates against Arabs. He rejected Prime Minister Begin's statements regarding the nationalization of the West Bank, saying they are not the Arabs of "Eretz Yisrael," but part of the Palestinian nation.

Prof. Kalman Altman of the Technion said Ma'ari was killed "by the bullets of a cruel police force which tried to show its strength by waging a pogrom in yet another Arab village."

At the entrance to the village a black flag signalled mourning. Inside, local orderlies kept the peace. There were no police in the village, but two patrol cars stood by on the main Acre-Safed road nearby.

In most of the local Arab councils, work stopped for two hours yesterday in support of the rally.

Dr. Holim sued for malpractice

JERUSALEM — A Netanya man suffering from cancer is suing Dr. Holim and two of his doctors for negligence in diagnosing and treating his illness.

The plaintiff, who is now 28 years old, first showed signs of abdominal pain and weight loss in 1973. He was treated by Dr. Holim, who claimed that the plaintiff had a stomach ulcer. The plaintiff was never sent for a biopsy or other medical tests.

The plaintiff's condition worsened, and he was eventually diagnosed as having cancer. He is now undergoing chemotherapy and surgery.

The plaintiff's lawyers claim that Dr. Holim and his doctors were negligent in not recognizing the signs of cancer and in not performing the necessary medical tests.

Relief for Technion pinball machines

JERUSALEM — The pinball machines owned by the Technion by Amos Horev last summer out to make a comeback, with the Technion now receiving permission to reinstall the machines.

The machines were operated by the Technion Students' Union on the grounds of the Technion building, just inside the window of the Technion's office.

The Technion ordered the removal of the machines from the grounds, but the Students' Union refused to comply.

The Technion now has received permission to reinstall the machines, and the Students' Union has agreed to operate them.

Man sentenced in Poland

WARSAW (Reuters). — A man accused of shooting 300 civilians while fighting with a Nazi unit during World War Two has been sentenced to 30 years in prison by the Warsaw Supreme Court.

The man, whose name was not disclosed, was found guilty of participating in the massacre of Polish Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto.

The court heard evidence from survivors and documents that linked the man to the massacre.

The man's lawyers argued that he was a victim of the war and should not be punished.

Axis indicted

NEW YORK (AP). — Eight members of the Axis group were indicted on charges of attempted aggravated battery and violence in the beating of a Jewish man.

The indictment was filed by the New York District Attorney's Office.

The man who was beaten is a Jewish student at the City College of New York.

The Axis group is a far-right organization that has been active in the New York area.

Street lags behind retailers

NEW YORK (AP). — Retailers are brimming with optimism over the pace of U.S. economic recovery, but the street is still in a slump.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped 11 to 51.61, while the American Stock Exchange market value index rose 1.45 to 125.59, touching a new four-year high.

Big Board volume averaged 20.33m. shares a day, against 20.72 m. the week before.

The weak showing of the retail stocks contrasts sharply with the record financial results many leading companies in the industry expect to post for their current fiscal years, most of which end in January.

T.A. Aviv stocks fell by 25%

JERUSALEM — In the short span of one month, equity values have deteriorated by at least 25 per cent. Based on total valuations at the time of the beginning of the slide, this represents a real loss, or for some a paper loss in the order of 15%.

Many who did sell their holdings apparently have not reinvested them in bonds or other forms of investment, but the accumulation of uninvested capital gives some hope that the slide may be bottoming out.

A further positive aspect was this past week's active intervention by the country's major banks. They began massive purchases and advised their clients that they felt that equities have now reached a reasonable level. As a result, last Monday's heavy losses were turned around the next day, at the urging of the banks, proving that they are the only single factor which can have any impact on the market.

A welcome development is the increased involvement of the Stock Exchange and the Securities Authority. This past week two shares were delisted as not being sufficiently marketable. An additional two companies had criminal charges filed against them for not getting their financial reports on time.

The 12 per cent rise in the Cost-of-Living Index did not catch anyone by surprise. In advance of the announcement, index-linked bonds rose throughout the week by about three per cent, on the average. Under the influence of such severe inflation the index-linked bond market cannot but be of continued interest to the investment public.

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Steve Krulovitz at the 16th Maccabi.

U.S. tennis star joining Israel team

JERUSALEM — American tennis star Steve Krulovitz has taken out Israeli citizenship, and will play for Israel in the Davis Cup, starting with the third-round home tie against Austria in mid-March.

Krulovitz, winner of the singles title at last July's 10th Maccabiah, has spent the last few days here completing arrangements with the local tennis association (ILTA) and the Interior Ministry. He returns to the U.S. today and is due back at the beginning of March to join the Israeli squad training for the match against Austria, team manager Haim Landes told The Jerusalem Post on Friday.

It was at the Maccabiah that Krulovitz was first invited to join the Davis Cup team by ILTA chairman Avram Feiger. He decided to accept, offering his services to the association in a voluntary capacity.

Baltimore-born Krulovitz, 26, who has beaten many of the world's top players during his four years on the Grand Prix professional circuit, told The Post that he hoped to make Israel his base in the future. When his playing days are over he wants to settle here and work in the tennis field.

"I have very strong feelings for Israel, and hope I can make some contribution to the development of the game in this country," he said.

Krulovitz was Maryland's no. 1 player when only 15, and is currently ranked 19th in the U.S.

The hard-hitting American has registered victories in singles competition over Panatta, Ramirez, Jauffret, Tarocco and Koch, the no. 1 players respectively in Italy, Mexico, France, Hungary and Brazil. In addition, he has defeated leading professionals Barasutti (Italy), Higueras (Spain), Mottram (Britain), Vijay Amritraj (India), El-Shafei (Egypt), Dibley (Australia), Milton (South Africa), and his compatriots Gorman and Pasarell, all of them Davis Cup racquets.

Korchnoi-Spassky tenth chess game adjourned

BELGRADE (AP). — Viktor Korchnoi and Boris Spassky adjourned the 10th game of Friday in their match to choose a contender for the world chess championship.

The game was adjourned after Spassky's 42nd move. The Soviet former world champion, playing white, trails self-exiled Soviet Grandmaster Korchnoi 2.5 points to 6.5 in the 20-game match.

The game was to have been resumed yesterday, but was further postponed on Korchnoi's plea of ill health.

What a wonderful day for the Betars

By PAUL KOHN

JERUSALEM — It was Betar's day in the national soccer league yesterday. Tel Aviv Betar trouncing Hadera Hapoel by 5:0 and their Jerusalem colleagues beating Ramat Gan Hakoah 4:0 in Givatayim to regain second place in the league.

League leaders Netanya Maccabi scored a last gasp goal to save a point with a 1:1 home draw against Beersheba Hapoel. The vital point kept Netanya Maccabi ahead of Jerusalem Betar by a single point.

Another team which scored in the last minute to save a point was Tel Aviv Maccabi, which drew 1:1 away to Jaffa Maccabi.

The surprise result of the day was Hadera Hapoel's 1:2 defeat by Tel Aviv Shimon in Kiryat Haim. This is the second unexpected home defeat of the Hadera side, after scoring impressive away wins in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv Betar scored their first victory in two months, beating Acre Hapoel 1:0. On a muddy Katsam pitch, Jerusalem Hapoel and Yehud Hapoel parted 0:0.

In the second division (Liga Artzit) Kfar Sava Hapoel scored their seventh consecutive win, against Rishon Le-Zion Hapoel 2:0 — but still trail Petah Tikva Maccabi by one point. The Petah Tikva side beat Shaarayim Maccabi 2:1, after the Rehovot team led.

Jerusalem Betar again produced some fine football against Hakoah only for the first 30 minutes did the home team hold its own. But after that Maimon and Neuman completely dominated the midfield and it was only a question of how many goals Jerusalem Betar would win by. The Betar goals were scored by Neuman, in the 25th and 56th minutes, Maimon, in the 33rd minute with a 25-metre free kick, and Shamam Shalom in the 58th minute.

Tel Aviv Betar were even more on

top against Hadera Hapoel at the Bloomfield stadium. The Tel Avivians played their best football of the season, the goal coming from Menahem More, in the 18th. Hoffman, 33rd, Moshe Romano 42nd, and 58th, and Gershowitz in the 57th minutes.

At the same ground, Yehoshua Feigenbaum's 33rd-minute goal put paid to Acre Hapoel. Hapoel continued to press on the northern side, but found goalkeeper Yehiel Hameiri in top form.

Netanya Maccabi again gave a lacklustre display and eagerly await the return of Oded Machness to their attack. It was a former Netanya sharpshooter, Victor Saroussi, who gave Beersheba Hapoel the lead in the 32nd minute after Avitan's shot was only pushed out by goalkeeper Visker. In the final 10 minutes, Netanya Maccabi stepped up their attacking game and were rewarded when Israel Hajaj headed in a well-placed lob by Shraga Bar in the final seconds of the game.

Hadera Hapoel did not produce the aggressive form they showed in Jerusalem last week, and though doing most of the attacking were held by the Shimon defence. Shimon scored their goal in breakaways engineered by Damti through Eli Cohen in the 25th minute and Yigal Yeffet in the 72nd minute. Hadera Hapoel pulled one goal back in the 82nd minute when Meir Iluz made no mistake from the penalty spot, after a Shimon defender handled.

The two top teams of last season met in Jaffa, but neither showed anything like the football of a year ago. Jaffa Maccabi have won only one of their 10 games this season, but until the last minute of play looked likely to gain their second win.

Shmuel Travers gave Jaffa Maccabi the lead in the 78th minute, after a dribble by Onana. A last-minute corner for Tel Aviv Maccabi resulted in Avi Cohen getting his head to the ball to beat Jaffa's reserve keeper Biton.

Maccabi's real test: Real Madrid

JERUSALEM — The Tel Aviv Maccabi basketballers, having dropped two in Europe recently, now have their work cut out for them. They have three weeks to regroup before they make their home debut against Real Madrid in what may turn out to be the top game played in Israel this season.

The Spaniards began final round play two weeks ago with a dazzling 119-89 win in Stockholm against Alvik, and last week came back to destroy Split, 116-77, in Madrid. In doing so they have marked themselves as the team to beat in the race for the European crown.

The Spaniards will be here January 12, and Maccabi fans are hoping history will repeat itself, as it was against this same team last year that Maccabi started its march to first place in Europe. This will be a game they cannot afford to lose if they have any hopes of retaining their crown.

Just so they will not forget they must compete also in the local league, they have some interesting matches coming up in the next 10 days.

Tomorrow night they are at home against the surprise team of the year, Haifa Hapoel. An added incentive for victory for the second place Haifa team is that they are coached by Yehoshua Rosen, a former player and coach at Tel Aviv Maccabi for 35 years. In beating some of the league's better teams, Haifa has shown they belong in the top league, but beating Maccabi may prove too big an order to fill.

Elsewhere around the league, Ramat Gan Hapoel plays Tel Aviv Betar in Shetani. South Tel Aviv Maccabi is at home to Givat Brenner/Na'an Hapoel. Afula Hapoel hosts Gvat/Yagur Hapoel, Haifa Maccabi is in Haifa against Ramat Gan Maccabi, and Tel Aviv Biltzar entertains Tel Aviv Hapoel in Be'er Yitzhak.

Top European footballers due next week

JERUSALEM — The West German league leaders Cologne F.C. and the French first division side Lyon will play in two matches at the Bloomfield Stadium on Wednesday, December 28.

Cologne F.C. will play the Israeli national team with Lyon playing Jerusalem Betar.

This is the first time that two top European clubs have played on the same programme, and a full house is anticipated at the Jaffa stadium.

Stableford golf

JERUSALEM — The foursome of Alan Jacobs, Benie Cohen, Sam Hart and Shimon Weinbaum yesterday won the Alliance Stableford golf competition here, with 51 points, one point better than David Adler, Mike Kaplan, Meno Ergon and Asher Abergel.

The Betterball Medal event was won by Haim Harris and Yehuda Daniel with 67, from Ze'ev Abraham and Steven Ben.

Iranian-Chinese team to climb Everest

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iranian and Chinese officials met here yesterday to plan a joint assault on Mount Everest from the north side.

A delegation from the mountaineering federation of China arrived here on Thursday for the talks, following an initial agreement to undertake the joint conquest of the 9,867 metre high mountain.

First Division

RESULTS				
Jaffa Maccabi	1	Tel Aviv Maccabi	1	
Hakoah	0	Jerusalem Betar	1	
Netanya Maccabi	0	Beersheba Hapoel	1	
Jerusalem Hapoel	0	Yehud Hapoel	0	
Haifa Hapoel	1	Shimon	0	
Tel Aviv Hapoel	1	Acre Hapoel	0	
Tel Aviv Betar	5	Hadera Hapoel	0	

STANDINGS — AFTER 10 GAMES

	W	D	L	GOALS	POINTS
1. Netanya Maccabi	5	3	1	10:7	15
2. Jerusalem Betar	5	4	1	18:4	14
3. Haifa Hapoel	4	1	5	12:7	13
4. Yehud Hapoel	4	5	1	7:4	13
5. Beersheba Hapoel	5	2	3	11:14	12
6. Shimon	4	3	3	8:7	11
7. Tel Aviv Maccabi	3	5	2	8:9	11
8. Beersheba Hapoel	4	3	3	17:12	10
9. Tel Aviv Betar	2	5	3	10:10	9
10. Jerusalem Hapoel	2	5	3	10:11	9
11. Jaffa Maccabi	1	5	4	9:18	7
12. Tel Aviv Hapoel	2	1	7	8:17	5
13. Acre Hapoel	1	3	6	6:15	5
14. Hakoah	0	5	5	7:18	5

Second Division

RESULTS				
Petah Tikva Maccabi	2	Shaarayim Maccabi	1	
Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel	0	Ramat Gan Hapoel	1	
Netanya Hapoel	0	Haifa Maccabi	1	
Beit Shemesh Hapoel	1	Ashdod Hapoel	0	
Rishon Le-Zion Hapoel	0	Kfar Sava Hapoel	2	
Holon Hapoel	0	Petah Tikva Hapoel	0	
Bnei Yehuda	1	Ramat Amidar Maccabi	0	

STANDINGS — AFTER 11 GAMES

	W	D	L	GOALS	POINTS
1. Petah Tikva Maccabi	8	2	1	12:7	18
2. Kfar Sava Hapoel	7	3	1	19:6	17
3. Bnei Yehuda	6	2	3	21:9	14
4. Petah Tikva Hapoel	4	5	2	10:13	13
5. Rishon Le-Zion Hapoel	4	4	3	14:11	12
6. Netanya Hapoel	4	4	3	16:16	12
7. Haifa Maccabi	4	2	5	15:14	10
8. Holon Hapoel	3	4	4	12:12	10
9. Ashdod Hapoel	4	2	5	8:9	10
10. Shaarayim Maccabi	3	3	5	12:19	9
11. Ramat Amidar Maccabi	3	2	6	10:11	8
12. Ramat Gan Hapoel	4	0	7	9:18	8
13. Beit Shemesh Hapoel	3	2	6	7:18	8
14. Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel	1	3	7	10:17	5

Nottingham stays on top with 4-0 win over Manchester U.

LONDON (AP). — Nottingham Forest continued its charge for the English soccer championship yesterday with an incredible 4-0 win over Manchester United at Manchester's Old Trafford. Tony Woodcock scored two of the goals and had a hand in another.

With Everton held to a 0-0 draw at Birmingham, Forest stretched its lead at the top of the standings to 31 points from 20 games, and Everton has 29 points.

Three teams — defending champions Liverpool, Arsenal and West Bromwich — share third place with 25 points.

Arsenal pulled off one of the best performances of the day by winning 2-1 at Coventry, another team that has been helping to set the pace in the championship race.

Manchester United's defence, without the injured Tommy Smith, lacked confidence. Nottingham played slick football and ruthlessly exploited the gaps, scoring two goals in each half.

Manchester lost Stuart Pearson with an injury early in the game, and that appeared to unsettle them. A crowd of 54,374 watched Nottingham's triumph.

Full results of Saturday's First Division English League games: Birmingham 0, Everton 0; Chelsea 1, Norwich 1; Coventry 1, Arsenal 2; Derby 1, Bristol City 0; Ipswich 1, Leicester 0; Leeds 2, Manchester City 0; Liverpool 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Manchester United 0, Nottingham Forest 4; Middlesbrough 1, Aston Villa 0; Newcastle 4, Wolverhampton 0; and West Bromwich 1, West Ham 0.

Pakistanis riot at cricket test

LAHORE, Pakistan (UPI). — An angry crowd marched into Lahore and set fire to two buses after police broke up a melee at a cricket test on Friday night by swinging batons and firing teargas canisters.

For the second time in two days, violence marred England's and Pakistan's first cricket test when supporters of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto held an impromptu anti-government demonstration on the field and halted play.

The fight broke out 35 minutes after the traditional tea break in the match when Bhutto's wife, Begum Nurat, arrived at Gaddafi Stadium to watch the third match in the five-day test.

Hundreds of cricket fans stormed onto the field, hurling chairs and empty bottles at police trying to control the situation. A government statement said five policemen and a magistrate were injured.

Also injured was Mrs. Bhutto, who was admitted to hospital for treatment of a serious head injury she sustained when she was hit by a police baton.

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Depolarization

AS ONE DRAMATIC event follows closely on the heels of another in the unfolding drama of the Egyptian-Israeli peace manoeuvres, the situation is coming more and more to resemble the old notorious shell-game, in which the trick is to keep one's eye riveted on the shell hiding the pea. In this case the pea is the eventual emergence of a peace agreement to which both sides have publicly committed themselves.

No sooner was the entire world fixated by the opening of the first face-to-face talks between Israel and her foremost Arab adversary — talks touted as "the most historic ever" — than they were upstaged by Prime Minister Begin's flight to Washington to confer with President Carter.

Now, these talks, whose details have still not been divulged, have given way to widespread excitement over prospects of another meeting between Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat, this time in Egypt.

Given these frenetic developments one can sympathize with the confusion and pique of international newsmen who have been deserting the Mena House talks, to which they flocked earlier last week.

But even with all due respect to the drama and prestige which will undoubtedly inform the Begin-Sadat talks, one would be well advised to keep one's eye on the Washington shell.

During the four weeks that have passed since Mr. Sadat's groundbreaking visit to Jerusalem there has still not been any indication that either side has in any way backed down from its initial polar position on the Golan-like issue of the fate of the Judea, Samaria and Gaza territories.

It is generally accepted that the question of Sinai should not pose problems refractory to relatively speedy solution, given the growing mutual confidence in the commitment of both sides to peace. On the issue of the Palestinian areas, however, Mr. Sadat continues to insist on a formula calling for total Israeli withdrawal to the 1949 lines and for the creation of a Palestinian state in the areas vacated.

Without knowing the details of the proposals Mr. Begin has brought to President Carter, it is safe to say that they are predicated on a flexible formula whose bottom line, however, insists on no Arab sovereignty in those areas and a continued Israeli military presence there, for an unstated period.

The most encouraging aspect of the developments of the past few days is that President Sadat has apparently decided that the Israeli formula is promising enough to justify a resumption of direct talks with Mr. Begin. This is certainly a welcome change from his earlier rebuff of Mr. Begin's attempts to wangle a return invitation to Egypt.

One need not dilute one's hopes regarding the eventual emergence of a peace agreement with Egypt to recognize that these talks will be accompanied by hard and prolonged bargaining. Both sides want — indeed, need — peace but closing the gap between their starting positions may well lead to temporary interruptions in the negotiating process.

At such points the good services of the U.S. and of President Carter will be sorely needed to ensure the perseverance of both parties in striving for a compromise settlement.

The Prime Minister is to be congratulated on having grasped the all-important role of the U.S. at this early stage in the talks and on his determination to deal with this facet of the Israel-Egypt complex with commendable initiative.

True, Mr. Begin's attempt to ensure a modicum of prior coordination with the Carter Administration constitutes an about-face from the tactic he adopted during his earlier visit to Washington in July. What would at first seem to constitute a lack of consistency can be explained with equal ease as a flexible reaction to a radically changed situation in which the U.S. seems finally to have shaken loose from its earlier fixation on the Geneva formula.

The intentional drama and mystery with which Mr. Begin has chosen to clothe his latest initiative is most welcome as a balance to President Sadat's razzle-dazzle performance before the court of Western and Israeli public opinion. It is comforting to know that Israel's Prime Minister is alive to the need to play the public relations game at the same time as the necessarily unpublishable substantive steps are being taken on the way to a peace agreement.

FOR WHOM DID SADAT SPEAK

THE OTHER day Jean-Paul Sartre published in *Le Monde* an open letter addressed "To my Israeli friends" (whose Hebrew version I read in the December 11 issue of "Yediot Aharanot"), in which he calls on us to fulfill the moral duty he says President Sadat's trip to Jerusalem has imposed on us.

"The man came down out of the skies, appeared, and smiled at you," Sartre tells us, as though of the miraculous visitation of the Redeemer, or at least of the appearance of the real Santa Claus.

Oh, it was real, earthy visitation, he assures us. But what was seen that Saturday night, he says, was "mainly the legend." Just as for France, he explains, the capture of the Bastille meant more than just the capture of an ancient, almost desolate fortress; it meant "the collapse of the old regime."

A propos of nothing in particular, he then tells us that "all human beings" carry responsibility for the Holocaust — not just its perpetrators, their confederates and would-be confederates, but "everyman" — even the victims and those who tried to help them. "The banality of evil," everyone is to blame, and no one is to blame.

And then he mentions (perhaps this is why he had to bring in the Holocaust) Sadat's visit to Yad Vashem, which he says, was a demonstration of recognition: "The Arab recognized the Jew, Israel." This, in Sartre's view, was Sadat's taking of the Bastille, as it were, his demolition of the myth of all Arab national sovereignty and his creation — also for all Arabs — of a new, good legend.

DRUNK WITH Sadat's new legend, Sartre writes: "I refuse to believe that we shall regress... to petty politics... to the wretched realism of the diplomats." But it is precisely because of the Arab (former?) intoxication with their old myths and their refusal to engage with us in "petty politics" and in "the wretched realism of the diplomats" that we must recognize the Palestinian Arab problem. As far as the Israelis are concerned, the Palestinian Arabs are "the other side," he says, adding: "Now that the other side has recognized you, you cannot deny them your recognition."

MOSHE KOHN replies here to an open letter written by the French philosopher-writer Jean-Paul Sartre, "To my Israeli friends." Taking issue with Sartre, Kohn says that even if the

Egyptian president's intentions are only the best, "I have not heard the Palestinian Arabs... announce that they will under-sign any agreement that Sadat reaches with us."

ed realism of the diplomats" that we have had all this bloodshed and waste for the past six decades. And it is only if Sadat and all the participants in the Cairo talks and whatever talks may follow — all the participants, and all those involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict who for reasons of their own do not participate — agree to "retrogress" to "petty politics" and "wretched realism" that Sadat's 44 hours in Jerusalem will lead the Middle East and perhaps the rest of the world to the Jerusalem of that ancient dream.

From what Sartre sees as Sadat's sublime act of recognition of us, he leaps to the Palestinian Arab problem. As far as the Israelis are concerned, the Palestinian Arabs are "the other side," he says, adding: "Now that the other side has recognized you, you cannot deny them your recognition."

WHAT HAS Sadat done or said that constitutes recognition of us by the Palestinian Arabs? He has never even intimated that any action or word of his vis-a-vis Israel will bind anyone but the Egypt he leads. And all he has said in this respect is that we should not expect to settle anything with Egypt unless we withdraw to the pre-1967 borders, and do whatever it is he expects us to do to solve the problem of the Palestinian Arabs.

And even if Sadat's intentions are only the best, I have not heard the Palestinian Arabs as a body, or any official spokesmen of theirs, announce that they will under-sign any agreement that Sadat reaches with us. On the contrary: at last week's Tripoli conference, their "official" leadership, the PLO, and their fellow "rejectionists" reiterated their traditional total "No" concerning Israel. And last week Yasser Arafat told a rally of Palestinian Arabs in Beirut: "We shall not negotiate; we shall continue the struggle till victory comes," and George Habash told that same rally that the "Tripoli Programme" should be made their official programme — instead of or in addition to the infamous "Palestine Covenant," it doesn't matter.

To be sure, in Vienna another PLO leader, Issam Sartawi, told an audience of Socialist leaders and intellectuals that the Tripoli decisions were "only so much meaningless talk," and he welcomed Sadat's initiatives.

But until the Palestinian Arabs decide among themselves what their programme really is — the ideas enunciated by Arafat and Habash or those of Sartawi — and exactly who speaks for them, I don't think we are obligated to pay the price demanded of us for the solution of "the Palestine problem."

are in keeping with that moral principle." But Jewish morality, unlike some others, does not require us to commit suicide or submit to a murderer's knife. There are three situations in which we are hidden to "be killed rather than transgress," but the Palestinian Arab problem is not one of them. As a matter of fact, under the circumstances, if we do follow Sartre's advice, we shall be violating the Jewish religious precept to "guard your lives carefully" and acting contrary to the most elemental natural instinct, the urge to live.

Secondly, why would Jewish morality do what no nation is known ever to have done — in similar circumstances? As a matter of fact, by what morality are we required to do what the Palestinian Arabs themselves did not do or wish to do when they were offered the opportunity several times before the State of Israel was established, and what their Jordanian and Egyptian patrons did not do for them or allow them to do for themselves when they had the opportunity between 1948 and 1967?

Third, whereas before Sadat no Arab statesman (with the possible exception of the Emir Feisal) ever recognized our sovereign rights here or even recognized our state as a fact, however regrettable, of life, the leaders of the Zionist Movement and of the State of Israel have always recognized the right of the Arabs to a state of their own in Palestine or at least were willing to live peacefully

with such a state alongside a state in Palestine.

Furthermore, even after already war and Arab state in 80 per cent of Palestine, the Palestinian territory today is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which was prepared — long before and from then until 1967 — to recognize a second Arab Palestine, in western Palestine only since the Arabs, in the attempt to destroy us, lost the territories they held in Palestine that the 1947 borders or the 1949 armistice became sacrosanct (to everyone but the leadership of the Palestinian who do not recognize even it — "the Palestine problem" — and the establishment of "a man state" in particular has a problem of morality, of morality).

IF, AS SARTRE says, "on November 19, everything became possible," then became possible for Sadat, and all other people of good conscience that what the E President has publicly done and what Sartre is now advising is impossible and immoral. I tend to believe that, in spite of public pronouncements, recognizes this. I believe in that he did not come to Jerusalem to give us the message that we would surrender: difficult to his smile as Sartre — including some Israeli friends — have believe that statesman Sadat understands that our concern is, as philosopher Sartre easily as anyone else by doing as Jews, but also for our sovereign state in our homeland.

In any event, Sadat deserves a chance to find out what and whom he is speaking to.

'Whiz-kid' of the Likud

YIGAL COHEN-ORGAD, 40, Herut's economic whiz-kid and coordinator of the Likud caucus on the Knesset Finance Committee, concedes that Herut's contribution in cadres of party activists and to the winning of votes is not reflected in the party's share in the Likud Knesset faction.

The eventual solution would be the merger of the three Likud parties, but that is a dream for the future. Meanwhile, Cohen-Orgad believes, "the situation would be more balanced" if ministers and their deputies were chosen otherwise than by a strict division of function, with Herut keeping to foreign and security affairs, leaving economic policy-making to the Likud.

He takes an independent view of the Likud government's economic policy. He points out that all wings of the Likud share a belief in a free economy and in reducing government intervention to a minimum, but beyond that, there are differences of emphasis between the main Likud parties — Herut and the Liberals. (Let's am, the junior faction, does not play any role, it would seem.)

Cohen-Orgad finds the two principal differences emerging around the defence budget and Herut's particular concern for lower-income groups, the core of its traditional constituency.



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Mark Segal interviews Yigal Cohen-Orgad, MK, above, an economist with an independent viewpoint.

tion of Kfir fighters, Cohen-Orgad says: "It depends on whether we are capable of developing an industry that will be competitive in the long run."

While he has not yet committed himself one way or the other, the Herut economic expert is inclined to the view that initial experience with the Kfir's manufacture strengthens the hand of those favouring such a huge investment.

TURNING to the government's social policies, Cohen-Orgad sees no conflict between emphasizing development and having lower income strata. He differentiates between giving charity and a proper welfare policy, and is firmly opposed to Finance Ministry plans to cut, for example, the budget for day creches for working mothers. Such a move would impede attempts to attract more women to industry. He favours subsidizing such social services, because they really benefit workers living standards and also contribute towards the gross national product.

Where would he cut the budget? For example, he would cancel all planned investment in national highways, and finance improvements by converting them into toll roads.

If private car-owners want to have modern highways, then they should expect to pay the social costs, he declares, adding that, on the other hand, the Likud government should ensure that public transportation remains cheap, and gets preferential treatment in investment and on the highways. He wants to introduce competition into this backward area, on the West German model: There, companies tender to operate public transport, and concessions are limited to three years, after which an operator can be replaced. The government con-

trols frequency of buses, fares and quality of service. Where routes are profitable, the companies pay for their concession; when they lose on routes, they get a subsidy.

Is he for or against a merger of Dan and Egged?

"God forbid. It would create a real monster," he reacts with horror.

THE HERUT whiz-kid studied economics and education at Tel Aviv University and built up his own economic consulting agency, so he brings to policy-making an experienced economic mind.

No socialist, he believes in a competitive economy, but with due regard for the lower wage groups, which he wants to see reflected in the state budget. He opposes the official Histadrut wage policy — non-selective wage increases, automatic rises, etc. — as benefiting mainly the upper level of wage-earners concentrated in "overblown administrative occupations." It is they, he claims, who provide the Alignment's political base.

Here he veers off into an attack on former finance minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz for having handed out wholesale retroactive payments to public officials in 1976, thereby unleashing unprecedented waves of inflation.

Cohen-Orgad says the government, as the country's largest employer, must step in this time by means of its budget to ensure that production and not service personnel get preference in the 1978 wage policy, and that workers at the lower end of the scale do not sink below the poverty line.

He has some sharp things to say about monopolies. The Labour policy in this field enabled banks especially, but importers and manufacturers too, to enrich themselves, he charges. The Likud government's big test will be the extent to which it can put a stop to these easy riches by decentralizing economic power and introducing competition into the economy.

A final question as to how this could be achieved brings the reply that it should take the form of a combination of legislative and administrative measures over the next two years. Cohen-Orgad leaves the impression that he has a few tricks up his sleeve. The whiz-kid deserves watching.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE DELIVERANCE OF JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Ian Black's interesting review of Alenby's 1917 deliverance of Jerusalem (December 9) omits the most significant episode of that historic campaign. General Alenby spared Jerusalem a destructive battle by deliberately fulfilling the Bible prophecy of Isaiah 31:3:

"Whoever may have kindly offered to surrender the city to two British sergeants' swords, it was not the Turkish army. The Turks were still in full control on Jerusalem's ancient walls, which were still formidable military obstacles 80 years later. They were well able to have made a destructive battle the price for further British advance north. Even a small rear-guard force could have made a British assault costly and destructive."

To avoid that destruction, according to contemporary news accounts, General Alenby had sought advice and received from Bible-believing Prime Minister Lloyd George only this cryptic reply: "Isaiah 31:3" which reads: "As birds flying will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it, and passing over, he will preserve it."

This veteran recall deliberateness of Alenby's decision of Isaiah 31:3, which required every C.O. in his c to read to the troops as an the Day, the day before he massive (in those days) scores of British aircraft the low across the Old City, G from all over the Middle E, included, the former M, "everything that could modern fighters and bombs (captured German) tri-planes even old pre-war string lit, Turks packed it up and next, marched in."

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VOLUNTEER'S COMPLAINT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his letter of December 5, Dr. Brose complains of the treatment meted out to volunteers in kibbutzim.

I spent 18 months in kibbutzim and I cannot think of any reason why a volunteer should feel like a serf on a plantation, as Dr. Brose puts it. We did the same work as kibbutzniks, ate the same food and, by and large, were treated well.

I don't know whom Dr. Brose is speaking for, but I found that most volunteers that I met came here for a cheap holiday. Some came here

with high ideals, but most did not.

What does Dr. Brose mean when he writes about the physical emotional isolation volunteer experience? Most of them, on the kibbutzim I lived on, paid with each other, not because of the language barrier mostly because they were a boys and girls together.

On reflection, barriers the certainly, but these were much the making of the vo as anyone.

Tivon.

POSTSCRIPTS

WE HAVE HEARD many different recipes for peace, but the most novel one comes from a fond husband in Jerusalem.

Include his wife in the Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks, says this husband, and peace is in the bag. Her cooking is unequalled this side of Suez. Her krepelach, varnishkas and chopped liver (the latter made with only a dash of chicken fat because of cholesterol) are enough alone to make life worth living.

But all that is nothing, the husband goes on, compared with his wife's gefilte fish. "Its aroma... is the nearest thing to heaven on earth you can think of."

"Just imagine the delegates in Cairo in heated discussion, so heated that they are on the verge of breaking up. All at once, their nostrils are greeted by wafts of my wife's gefilte fish being prepared in the nearby kitchen. They saunter back to their seats and smilingly, sniffling with delight, they resume talks." J.G.

HOW MANY religious young couples will respond to the appeal to settle in Eilat now being made in various parts of North America?

The life-style in the Red Sea city is so far removed from the world of modest dress and behaviour

demanding by the orthodox that one is apt to overlook the fact that there is a tiny nucleus of orthodox residents. These are, indeed, two arguments (one Sephardi, one Ashkenazi), a yeshiva, a religious school, a Jewish studies circle, a B'nai B'rith circle and a branch of the Merit Institute which organizes weekly lectures on all aspects of Judaism.

Rabbi Yosef Yashar, of the Eilat Religious Council, feels the challenge may make young religious Jews decide to settle in Eilat rather than elsewhere in order to help keep the flame of Judaism alive. There is a number of occupational openings for such people. An ultra religious hotel and restaurant is badly needed and would give employment to many; teachers for the religious school, etc. Their rabbi would like to see garinim organized abroad.

Interested readers can contact him through the Eilat Religious Council, P.O. Box 15, Eilat or can get in touch with the Aliya Department of the Young Guard of Hapoel Hamizrachi, Bet Meir, Jerusalem. S.M.

LABOUR PARTY complaints that the government has not been telling the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee any sensitive information for fear of "leakage" sent National Religious Party stalwarts to the files for ammunition.

In the Journalists Yearbook of 1976/7 the NRP's Knesset legal adviser found an interview with Mrs. Golda Meir in which the former Premier expressed her abhorrence of leaks. "Some say that leaks are the price one has to pay for democracy. I say that there is always a greater enemy to democracy than leaks," said Mrs. Meir. The slipping out of sensitive information "makes it impossible to tell the Cabinet everything... I told them often that I wasn't revealing everything because of the plague of leaks." J.S.

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AS AN ACTIVE member of the Finance Committee's defence budget sub-committee, Cohen-Orgad holds that Israel's enormous defence spending can be cut.

"But no one discusses the reduction of the dollar allocation for imported hardware. Our debate is over what should be eliminated and how much can be replaced by the local manufacture of import substitutes," he says.

He agrees that this discussion is part of the argument between those adopting a purely business approach and those who want to see the local armaments industry flourish. It cuts across party lines.

He notes that the presence on the committee of generals such as Haim Bar-Lev and Meir Zorea and military experts such as Prof. Arens and Prof. Rom has greatly enhanced parliamentary insight into, and control over, the defence establishment.

As to whether the committee will favour investing in a second genera-

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